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MISS A. D. CAMERON CROSS-EXAMINED

CLOSELY QUESTIONED
YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

Interesting Session of Drawing Book
Commission—War of Wits Between
Witness and Counsel.

A large crowd again gathered at the County court yesterday afternoon to listen to the proceedings of the commission appointed to investigate the South Park school drawing trouble. It proved to be one of the most interesting sessions yet held, the cross-examination of Miss Cameron by D. M. Eberts, counsel for the department of education, taking place. It was continued this morning.

Miss Cameron again took the stand upon the resumption of proceedings.

Answering D. M. Eberts, witness said that she had been educated in Victoria. She had started teaching at 16 years of age. During her attendance she had taken instruction in drawing, that subject having been included in one of the early teachers' certificates she had secured. At the age of 13 she had obtained her first teacher's certificate. Drawing was an optional subject then, and she had taken it from her own choice. It was upon the knowledge gained from this and other sources that she had taught drawing for four years at the Victoria High school later. For the past 11 years she had not taught drawing, but had supervised. As a principal one of her duties was to overlook the work of all the divisions of the school. Witness considered from her experience that she was able to judge between good, bad and indifferent drawing. While in the high school she had learned the perspective system largely. She had investigated the Walter Smith method and had instructed according to it.

Witness was not much impressed with the South Kensington system. She would not say that she was much in favor of that outlined by Walter Smith. That of the latter and the one prescribed by Mr. Blair were similar in some respects. Asked whether she considered herself an expert, Miss Cameron remarked that she had anticipated the question and had prepared for it by consulting the dictionary to obtain a definition of that word. Thereupon she consulted a note book and read from it the result of her researches. After lengthily defining "expert" she turned to the word "adept," purported to be a simile in some respects. The latter was described as one accustomed to "cojolery, lying, etc."

This was followed by an uproar of applause and considerable hand-clapping.

"There must be no more of that or I'll have the room cleared," interrupted Commissioner Lampman, after the noise had subsided.

Miss Cameron, continuing, said she had given her evidence as one directly cognizant of the facts. She could not give her opinion as an expert, but as one having a knowledge of the matters under consideration.

Mr. Eberts then handed witness some of the circulars issued by the depart-

ment of education, indicating a paragraph, witness acknowledged that she had read it. The reports of January and February, 1904, were submitted also by counsel.

Miss Cameron, in this connection, asked counsel how he interpreted the word "sketch" used by the author, Mr. Blair, in the statements issued by him. Mr. Eberts replied that he was not an expert.

"Well how do you think a common garden teacher would take it?" asked Miss Cameron.

"But you're not a common garden teacher," retorted Mr. Eberts.

"You're somewhat of an adept."

The reference of Mr. Blair to satisfactory work in South Park and other schools, witness said, dealt with an examination some time ago. Then there had been no model drawing. Later on that had been introduced, and witness had referred Mr. Blair's admonitions regarding ruling to other teachers of the institution over which she presided.

Mr. Eberts continued to draw attention to circulars asking witness whether she had not received them, all of which was acknowledged.

Questioned further, Miss Cameron remarked that the instructions contained in the circulars were followed as issued. As new ones were sent out the former did not become obsolete. The information contained in all was utilized and then combined.

Referring to the Blair system, Miss Cameron said that the Blair system was obsolete. It was out of date 10 years ago. An analogous instance was the Sage vertical method of tracing. Such a thing witness said never tended to good writing.

"Then the systems in vogue in Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick are obsolete?" asked Mr. Eberts.

Witness answered in the affirmative, adding that New Brunswick was "back woods."

Miss Cameron repeated that the Blair system was obsolete.

"Then how in the world did you manage to train the pupils to trace such remarkably straight lines by such out-of-date methods?"

"By keeping right at it until the line was as near correct as possible," answered witness.

Pressed again for an opinion, Miss Cameron remarked that she deprecated the vertical writing and the drawing methods as outlined by Mr. Blair. Later on Mr. Eberts remarked witness would have an opportunity to use the blackboard.

At this juncture Mr. Elliott interrupted. He characterized the last remark of opposing counsel as "a sickly bluff."

"I don't know that I look sickly," even besides you," retorted Mr. Eberts, addressing Mr. Elliott. "I can be facetious," he added, "in fact I have quite a reputation in that direction."

Commissioner Lampman: "I don't think it necessary; we'll get plenty of humor without effort."

Continuing his examination, Mr. Eberts took up the books used in the junior grades of the school. He showed that the instructions had always been to the effect that there was to be absolutely no ruling.

Speaking of book 2, Miss Cameron stated that in January, 1904, that was used by the entrance class to the High school. In that connection she had written to the department asking for information regarding the errors of the students in doing the work prescribed by the Blair system. In reply, Miss Cameron had received from the superintendent of education a notification to the effect that a leaflet was in course of preparation which would be sent as soon as ready for circulation. This had not reached her for several months so that the work had to go forward without those in charge of the instruc-

tion having obtained any light upon their past mistakes.

At this Miss Cameron reached for a glass of water and Mr. Eberts followed her example, remarking, "Here's to you." Miss Cameron bowed and they drank amid the laughter of the amused throng. After this pause the conflict of wits recommenced with considerable bitterness.

The discussion on book 3 then went on, counsel citing the instructions. He ran through those leading up to the senior class students for the purpose of proving that ruling had always been disallowed.

Miss Cameron protested against the drawing of designs from the "flat." She stated that application for models had been made at the office of the city superintendent but couldn't be obtained. Such a thing, she contended, would not be found in any modern art book.

"Yes," agreed Mr. Eberts, sarcastically, "you would never find such a model in a modern book. You were never taught that way at the High school."

Witness agreed that they had thoroughly understood that there was to be no ruling in model drawing. She stated that if there was a single intricate portion of the figure ruled it would be merely drawing according to the department. In 1903, witness added, Mr. Blair had characterized the class work of South Park school as satisfactory throughout. He had followed this up by allowing the exceedingly poor class average of 45 per cent. Although with four more per cent. the whole class would have passed; she did not consider it sufficient in view of the high commendation received in the previous year.

Witness asked whether some of the criticisms of a general nature, applied to the South Park school. Witness answered in the affirmative.

Miss Cameron could not tell whether the datum line had been ruled in 1904. The commission then adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

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EXCELLENT CANTATA.

Was Given at First Presbyterian Sunday School Last Evening.

The schoolroom of the First Presbyterian church was crowded last evening when the children rendered the cantata, "Around the World With Santa Claus." Nearly a hundred pupils of the school took part. The platform was transformed into a fully-furnished and beautifully decorated boat, the work of Capt. Gould. In this craft the children were supposed to be sailing around the world calling at European, American and Oriental ports, and at each place as Santa Claus stepped aboard he was greeted by boys and girls garbed in the costume of the inhabitants of the various countries. Both singing and acting were splendid. Perhaps the most attractive feature of the evening was the singing of "Hush-a-By Baby" by about 20 little girls, daintily dressed. Miss Harris presided at the piano most acceptably.

The whole entertainment reflects the greatest credit upon Mr. and Mrs. Weston. Santa Claus, whose identity must remain a state secret, looked gorgeous in Wellington boots, red coat and long snow-white beard. Electric footlights were arranged by H. Dobbson, one of the young men of the Bible class.

DIED FROM WOUND.

Danville, Ill., Dec. 29.—Chas. H. Smith, who was shot on Wednesday by C. F. Cooper, a New York theatrical manager, at the Saratoga hotel, died yesterday at the hospital.

The inquest the coroner held Cooper without bail.

On the way up all my men were at one time sick, and I had to put in and remain for a week at Acapulco. Many times I had but one man attending to the nine fires beneath my boilers, and I myself had to take watch. Fifteen of my men are now in hospitals of Tacoma. I believe Capt. Scougal had the same misfortune, and God help the vessel that, with a sick crew, gets into such a storm as we have had for the last few days on a rough coast.

"The pity of it is that Capt. Scougal, who was a bright, active man of 55, had recently married a young wife, whom he left behind in England. Strange fatality has pursued him. He quit the sea some years ago and for the past three years has been in business in the south of England. The captain of the Pass of Melfort died about a year ago and his first officer was promoted to captain. He went to the dogs drinking, and the owners, knowing Capt. Scougal's ability, induced him to come to this coast and take the ship for at least one voyage.

"I believe the owners came near selling the vessel while she was at Panama. Capt. Scougal received orders to cease taking on ballast, and he was expecting to be notified of her transfer, when orders came to continue ballasting. He was a kindly, good man, well liked by his crew, and made friends readily. Before his temporary retirement he was master of several of the vessels of the Pass line."

A Port Townsend dispatch says that officers of the steamer Charles Nelson, which put back to that port after a rough experience off the Cape, believe that they sighted the Pass of Melfort at 11 o'clock Christmas night, and passed her while the barque was on the port tack, tight-reefed before a south-west gale blowing at the time.

The second mate of the Nelson was on watch at the time, and as the Nelson passed the vessel to the starboard while going off shore the captain and second mate ordered the master to take the identity of the barque. The Nelson passed across the bow of the barque, so close that the cabin lights were plainly visible. At that time the barque was well off and somewhat below Cape Flattery. The vessel sighted was not in distress at the time, and appeared to be close-hauled awaiting a chance to get into the strait or tow.

One thing that may have been added somewhat to the chances against the ill-fated barque in her effort to keep off the rocks of the Vancouver Island shore, according to local shipping men, was the fact that she must have been

SALVAGE STEAMER CAN DO NOTHING

WAS NEWS FROM THE
SALVOR LAST NIGHT

Crew of Local Vessel However Will
Search Coast Line Before
Returning.

Last night H. P. Bullen, of the B. C. Salvage Company, Esquimaux, received a telegraphic message from Capt. Harris of the steamer Salvor, sent to the scene of the Pass of Melfort wreck on Thursday morning, stating briefly that nothing can be done. The message was forwarded from Ucluelet, and it creates the impression that the wreck has disappeared. The Salvor reached Amphitrite Point at an early hour yesterday morning. Her instructions are for a search to be made along the coast and for the removal of the bodies recovered to Victoria. The search will be made in small boats if the weather permits, and in this manner some important discoveries may be made not only with respect to the Pass of Melfort but the Pass and another vessel that is known to have gone down in recent storms. These vessels have emphasized the necessity for some life saving equipment along on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, and something along this line may be done before the winter passes. At a meeting of the council of the board of trade held yesterday afternoon, after the Times went to press, it was decided to communicate with the department of marine and fisheries at Ottawa at once, urging the necessity of having the whaling steamer Orion available at all times for rendering assistance to a wreck. The Orion operates immediately in the vicinity of where the wreck number of the West Coast wrecks have occurred, and as her headquarters are at Sechart, it was further resolved at the meeting yesterday afternoon to ask that the whaling station be attached to the telegraphic system.

Witnessing to the Pass of Melfort a Tacoma dispatch says: Capt. Peter G. Niven, of the steamer Wynerie, loading lumber here for Panama, believes the British barque Pass of Melfort was lost on account of the sickness and consequent incapacity of the crew. The Wynerie and the Melfort were both at Panama for weeks together prior to the sailing of the Melfort for the Sound, and Capt. Niven is well acquainted with the conditions on board the ill-fated vessel.

"The Wynerie arrived at Panama in September and I found the Pass of Melfort ballasting," said Capt. Niven to-night.

"Capt. Scougal, of the vessel, shifted from the wharf out to several small islands, where he completed ballasting, while I took his berth. For weeks the Melfort remained at the islands unable to get away on account of the sickness infecting the men, and when the vessel sailed two weeks before I did, which was November 20th, Capt. Scougal was compelled to send some of his sickest men ashore. The malignancy of this malaria can hardly be exaggerated."

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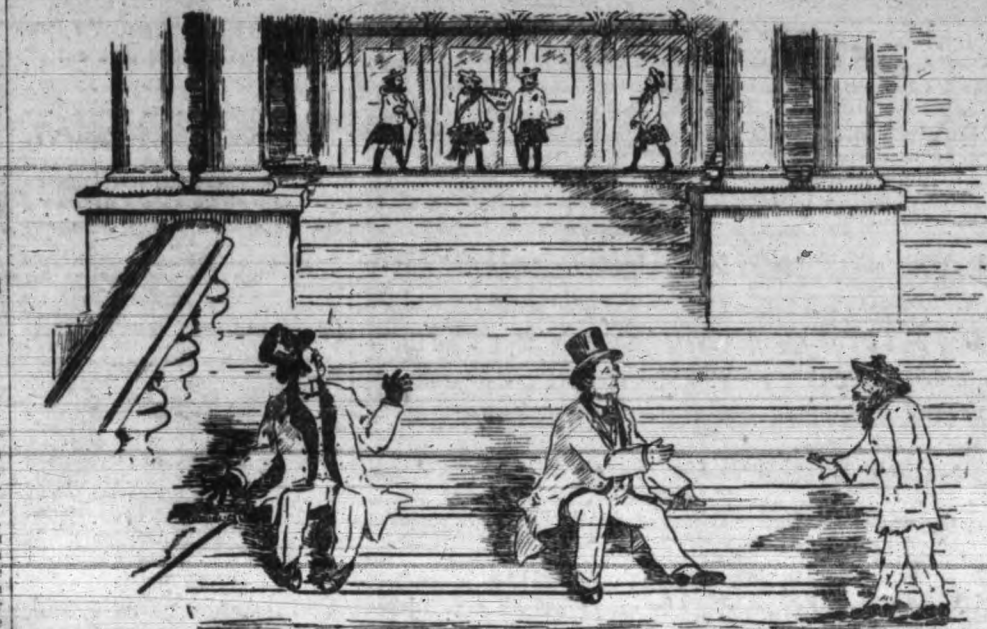
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ON THE STEPS OF WESTMINSTER

London Unemployed Workman—Will You Grace help a poor fellow whose job has been taken by aliens? Unemployed Peer—Give me your hand, man. We are fellow sufferers.

Extracts from Newspaper—"The unemployed question in London is the result of the influx of aliens from the continent, who will work for anything."

"A writer to a London newspaper is indignant over the preponderance of aliens in the cabinet. He says a lot of hungry Scotsmen have trooped over the border and snapped up all the good jobs in the new government."

very foul. They claim that the vessel was foul when on the Sound the previous trip, and since that time she had made a trip to Ancon, not having been cleaned previous to the voyage. The condition would have made handling of the vessel difficult, and may have turned the scale at a critical time.

The Pass of Melfort was well known around the Sound and in Seattle. The vessel was there last May and later loaded a cargo of lumber at Port Blakely for Valparaiso, Chile. Capt. Scougal has many friends in Seattle. Men connected with the docks remember him as one of the jolliest and most jovial skippers that entered that port.

At the time of the wreck the Pass of Melfort was under charter to Renton & Humes to load a cargo of lumber at Port Blakely for Valparaiso, Chile.

IS PREPARING
DRASTIC MEASURES

TO SUPPRESS REVOLT IN
LIVONIA AND COURLAND

New Governor-General Proposes to Surround the Revolutionists and Annihilate Them.

(Associated Press.)

Riga, Dec. 29.—It is said that the new governor-general, with 32,000 additional troops, is planning to uproot the revolutionary movement by surrounding Livonia and Courland, and driving all the revolutionaries into a bag-shaped corner of Courland, between Riga and Libau, where they will be annihilated, warships cutting off all escape by sea.

New Minister.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 29.—Mackinoff, a member of the senate, has been appointed minister of justice in succession of M. Manukhin.

Traffic has been resumed on the Mitau-Wandau and Mitau-Riga road at Baranovitch, government of Minsk. The troops restored order without bloodshed. The road service has been re-established there.

Service Resumed.

Kieff, Russia, Dec. 29.—Passenger service has been restored here on the southwestern road, and freight traffic is gradually being resumed.

MOROCCAN CONTROVERSY.

Germany Will Publish Several Documents Omitted by French Government in Recent Book.

(Associated Press.)

Berlin, Dec. 29.—The foreign office will next week issue a book on the Moroccan controversy, containing documents omitted by the French government from its yellow book and correspondence repelling the accusations of bad faith made against Count Von Tattenbach-Ashold, the former special German representative at Fez. The whole case from the German standpoint will be placed before the public.

Such a book on European diplomatic questions has never been issued by the imperial foreign office, which, unlike other foreign offices, has followed Prince Bismarck's rule to hold foreign disputes in absolute secrecy.

France's yellow book, however, produced an effect on the world's political opinion that the German government is just willing to let go unanswered. The German government resents especially the statements designed to produce the impression that Count Von Tattenbach-Ashold has been untruthful.

The book is expected to clear away some impressions abroad that Germany threatened France.

STEAMSHIP LINE TO NEW ZEALAND

CONTRACT SIGNED
WITH BUCKNALL BROS

Fresh Air Cure to be Tried on Cattle
Suffering From Tuberculosis—
Interesting Experiment.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—The contract for a steamship line between Vancouver and New Zealand was signed yesterday by R. A. Alley, of Bucknall Bros, London.

Civil Service Examinations.

The following have passed the civil service qualifying examinations: At Victoria—Wilhemina Baxter, Edgar L. Fawcett, Wilmet B. Wellwood. At Vancouver—A. G. Beattie, A. B. Carmichael, Jas. Gordon, F. N. McCrimmon, H. E. McIntyre, J. W. S. McLeod, Jas. L. Middleton, Robt. O. Rae.

Fresh Air Cure.

Out of seventy head of cattle at Napier farm about sixty are suffering from tuberculosis. The disease was first discovered last summer. The Dominion veterinary surgeon has decided to try the fresh air cure. The same treatment is going to be extended to sheep as is done with human beings.

Porty head of animals have been picked out, ten healthy and thirty diseased, and they will be kept this winter in the open air with a shed for shelter. They are to be fed well, watched carefully and tested from time to time. The rest of the animals are to be destroyed. Cattle breeders all over the Dominion will watch the experiment with interest.

Customs Revenue.

The customs revenue for December shows an increase of \$24,000 over December last year. For six months of the fiscal year the revenue was \$22,708,392, an increase of \$1,526,275 over the same period last year.

MORMONISM.

J. F. Smith Predicts It Will Enrich the World as Ruling Religion of Universe.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Dec. 29.—The prophecy that Mormonism some day is to enrich the world as the ruling religion of the universe, was made last night by Joseph F. Smith, who with other Mormon leaders spoke to an audience of 300 persons at the Latter Saints church. "Elders of our church are forbidden to entice people to our church against their will," said Mr. Smith. "We do not seek to coax people. I want you to know that the church does not tolerate wrongdoing. To you young men I would leave this message. It is essential that you lead pure lives, that you keep your word sacred, and that you lead pure lives and be honest in your business dealings. Do not bear down other people's belief, but show them yours, and if yours is better they will choose it. This is our idea of religion."

SCHOONER ASHORE.

The Advance Will Probably Go to Pieces—Her Crew in Danger.

(Associated Press.)

Portland, Ore., Dec. 29.—A dispatch from Brandon, Ore., states that the three-master schooner Advance is on the rocks at the north side of the mouth of the Coquille river, and that she will probably go to pieces. The crew has not been rescued, and is in great danger of being lost.

CANNOT IGNORE THIS PROVINCE

DUNCAN ROSS, M. P. ON
B. C. REPRESENTATIONS

Calls on Government to Carry Out the Promise Made to the West Nine Years Ago.

(Special to the Times.)

GREENWOOD, B. C., Dec. 29.—Duncan Ross, M.P. for Yde-Cariboo, in his newspaper, the Greenwood Times, comes out strongly in favor of the appointment of Senator Templeman as successor to Hon. Mr. Prefontaine.

He says in part: "His successor should be a Western man, and that man Senator Templeman. British Columbia has been wonderfully patient in the matter of full cabinet representation. This province is entitled to a portfolio. It was promised a portfolio nine years ago, and there should have been ample time to make good that promise. The patience shown by the province was no less marked than that shown by Senator Templeman. He has surely served long enough in the anomalous position of minister without a department. To disregard his claims at the present time would be slighting him and slighting the West, for British Columbia is not the only party interested in the matter."

"If the government is to remain strong it must realize that the West has become an important factor in the Dominion. Why the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec should each have five cabinet ministers, while the four provinces west of Lake Superior are given only one minister with portfolio and one without cannot be explained to the satisfaction of the people of the West."

"We trust that this view will appeal to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and, in the interests of the Liberal party, and more important still, in the interests of the great and growing West, he will no longer disregard Senator Templeman's strong claims for a portfolio."

STUCK BY HURRICANE.

The Celtic Damaged While Crossing the Atlantic on Voyage to Liverpool.

(Associated Press.)

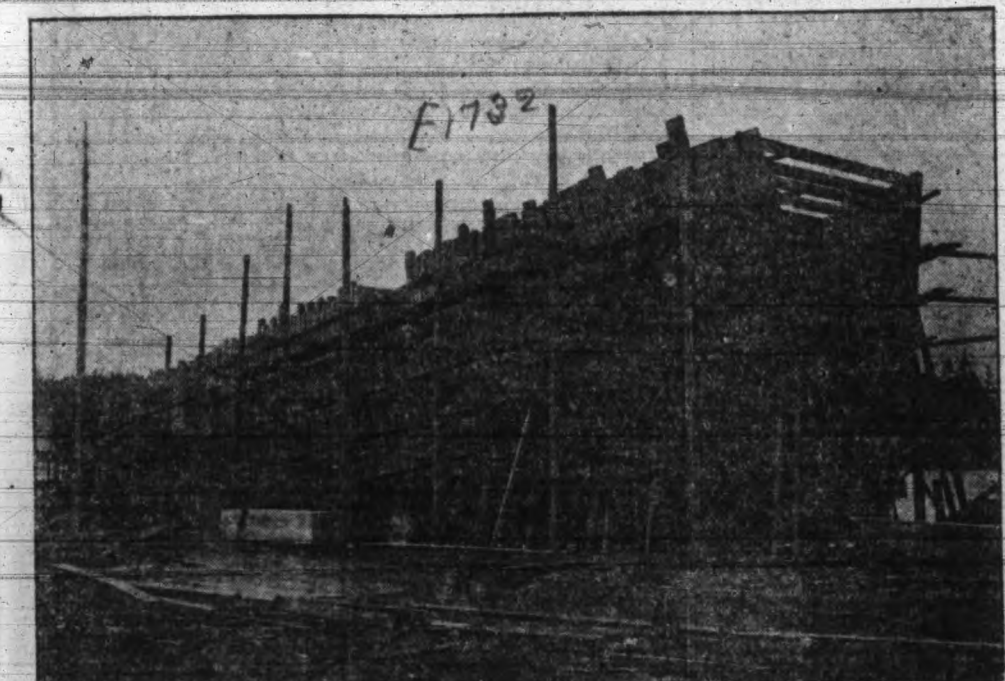
New York, Dec. 29.—The White Star liner Celtic, which arrived to-day from Liverpool, encountered on Christmas Day a terrific hurricane from the northwest. An enormous sea broke over the starboard quarter and ripped out a section of the heavy plating bulwarks and the uprights were snapped like a pipestem and several other sections were swept away. The portion swept away was held by rivets an inch and a half thick, but these, to the number of fifty, were drawn apart. The water swept through the engineers' gangway, flooding various compartments and smashed windows, doors and headlight.

NEW STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

Will Run Ships to Panama, the Orient and Europe.

(Associated Press.)

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Articles of incorporation of the Union Steamship Company, which will be operated in connection with the Union Oil Company, were filed in this city yesterday. The capital stock is \$5,000,000. It is stated that it is the purpose of the company to enter into the transportation business between Pacific Coast ports and Panama and the Orient, and also to run steamers between Colon and Europe.



NEW C. P. R. STEAMER NOW BUILDING AT VICTORIA

The above picture of the new C. P. R. steamer building at the B. C. Marine Railway's Company's yard was taken a few weeks ago and will show better than any words could the rapid progress being made on this vessel, the largest to be built yet in local yards. Since the photograph was taken the bow of the steamer has been enclosed and considerable other work has been done on the craft. Machinery for the vessel, as previously announced, is coming from the Old Country, and in September next it is calculated the new Princess will be ready for service. Much has already been published about this new passenger ship, but for purpose of illustration at present it might be stated that she will be 245 feet long, 40 feet beam and 25 feet depth of hold. The horse-power will be 2,400, and the general design similar in point of superstructure to that of the flyer of the fleet—the Princess Victoria.

The building of this steamer, however, while the most important contract which the B. C. Marine Company have on hand, is not the only one. Soon after New Year's the keel of the new quarantine steamer will be laid, and work on this vessel will be advanced simultaneously with that of the new Princess. All the new plates have been added to the steamer Princess May, and mechanics are engaged placing in new decks, etc., and in rebuilding the house. The steamer is to be ready for service by the 1st of May. On all these important undertakings the B. C. Marine Railway Company have now employed upwards of 200 men. In the new shops, which the company recently added to their yard, the machinery for the quarantine tender will be built. This vessel will be 195 feet long, 29 feet wide and 12 feet beam.

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Association--International Match
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The Saunders Grocery, Co. Ltd.
PHONE 23 JOHNSON STREET

THE YORK COUNTY LOAN INQUIRY

LAST WITNESSES HAVE BEEN HEARD

Commissioner Will Issue Interim Report Shortly--Nearly Sixty Million Bushels of Wheat Marketed.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—The government inquiry into the affairs of the York County Loan and Savings Company was concluded yesterday afternoon. Commissioner Cross says he hopes to make an interim report shortly. H. K. Sanderson, a former director, testified that he always considered that the List Piano Company was a York Loan undertaking. He understood it belonged to Phillips, and wondered how he got it. The York Loan ran the business, supplied all the money and took stock every three months. He was given to understand by Mr. Robin, another York Loan director, that the company got nothing. G. R. Burt, of the List Piano Company, sold pianos to Phillips. George Meyers had told him that all the profits of the printing business went to Phillips. In the business a Mr. Clark got \$2,000 from the York Loan. His own equipment was worth about \$100. He understood Phillips got a third of the profits, the company a third and Clark a third. None of the directors would second him when he moved for more information on the Southern Light & Power company and Phillips asked him to resign. Miss Hall, the bookkeeper, had told him Phillips had forbidden information to be given him. Geo. Meyers, Mr. Robin, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Burt were called, and all utterly repudiated Sanderson's statements. York Loan officials stated that since Sanderson's son had lost his employment with the company last August, Sanderson had been dissatisfied. For twelve years previously he had seen no wrong.

Alleged Conspiracy.
Toronto, Dec. 29.—Nineteen plumbers were placed on trial this morning on a charge of conspiring to defraud Warwick Bros. & Butler of \$1,200 in connection with a plumbing contract for that firm. J. E. Gray, one of the defendants who had his rank withdrawn, was used as the crown witness. He said tenders had been averaged up, bonuses added and each defendant had received an L. O. U. for \$50 from the successful tenderer.

Suicide.
Woodstock, Dec. 29.—Robert E. Keeler, about 55 years of age, a nurseryman, committed suicide by hanging this morning. He had been in poor health.

Found a Pearl.
Winipeg, Dec. 29.—While taking an oyster cocktail in the Robina hotel here to-day C. E. Fraser found a pearl, the value of which jewelers estimate at \$75 or \$100.

The Wheat Crop.
Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—The amount of wheat marketed in Western Canada of this year's crop is \$7,834,578 bushels.

Strictly Fresh Local Eggs
40c Per Dozen
Watson & Hall, 55 Yates Street
PHONE 48

LEAD INDUSTRY IN THIS PROVINCE

INTERESTING OUTLINE
BY MR. G. O. BUCHANAN

He Predicts a Bright Future For it as
a Result of Recent Work and
Bounties

Mr. G. O. Buchanan, government inspector under the Bounties Act, contributes the following interesting resume of work in connection with the industry to the mining review number of the Nelson News:

The list of mines that have shipped lead to British Columbia smelters may lend preliminary illumination to the subject.

From the returns that have been published monthly in the News I gather the following names:

St. Eugene, Sullivan, Slocan Star, North Star, Payne, Ivanhoe, Idaho, Highland, Reed, Ruth, Rambler-Carlton, Ymir, Arlington (British), Alex. Adcock, Bay, Antioch, Blinnard, Chisholm, and Telford, Comstock, Elkhorn, Enterprise, Fisher, Maiden, Hewitt, Jackson, Last Chance, Lucky Boy, Majestic, Mercury, Monitor, Mountain Con, Neepawa, Nettle L.

Paradise, Providence, Province, Red Fox, Silver Cup, Sunset, Trium, Teacup, Wakefield, Whitewater, Sovereign, Pontiac, Alhambra-Yenish, Wilcox, Wonderful, Miller Creek group, Echo, F. H. Hawkins, Lorna Doone, Canadian King, Bonanza, Nansen, Hampton, H. & I. Rustler, Ethel, Florida, Black Prince, Victor, Marion, Whitewater Deep, Dundas, American, Delphine, Defiance, Geo. Reggie, Golden, Goat, Park, Horner Group, Horseshoe, Keystone, Mollean, Vancouver, Waterloo, Sally, Tremont, Westmount, Arlington (Slocan), Wm. Chamberlain, Charleston, Chambers, Empire, Empress, Goshawk, Independence, Josephine, Nelson, Kootenay Chief, Lightning Peak, Lone Bachelor, Lily May, No. 1, Ore Hill, Last Chance (Republic group), Last Chance (Phoenix), St. Katherine, Silver Hunter, Jo Jo, Bad Shot, Zuni, Wilona, Silver Belle, Spyglass, R. R. Lee, No. 2, Silver Queen, Queen, Emily, Edith, Mountain Light, A. W. Munro, Rambler, Tamarac, Riverside, Buntro, Combination, Daniel, Keno, Standard, Noonday, Home Run, Greenhorn, Mountain Bomber, Willow Grouse, Yankee Girl, Crescent (Greenwood), Herald, Canadian Group, Phil, N. Desperado, Jump, Vulture, Michlander, Noble Five (P. J.), Nettle M., K. P., Native Silver, Bell, Goldfinch, Arizona, Mountain Goat, Black Warrior, Baby Ruth, Chapleau, Eva, Coronado, Copper Chief, Bonnie Belle, Juno, I. X. L., International, Evening Star, Challenger, Black Hawk.

Of this list of 300 names many represent prospects from which only trial shipments have been made, many others are gold, silver or copper mines with lead contents of subsidiary importance, and of the whole list only about forty are mines which have shipped during the last two years 50 tons or more of lead.

As to geographical distribution, the Coronado is in the Skeena mining division. Two small shippers are at Albert Canyon on the main line of the C. P. R., the Paradise, Dolphin, and half a dozen others are near Windermere, N. E. Kootenay, the Ymir, Arlington and a dozen others are on the line of the N. & E. S. railway; another detachment of 15 or 20 is found in the Boundary districts; twenty more are in the Trout Lake and Caribou districts; one, the Alice, is at Creston.

There is no mine with no other mine of any kind within 20 miles. The Sullivan (next in size to the St. Eugene) and the North Star (until lately one of the very largest shippers) are close together at Kimberley, both in the interior heights of this tract. Kokanee, Woodlark, South Fork Kaslo, South Fork Caribou, Four Mile, Ten Mile, Lemon, and a dozen others are followed by a wagon road, and every wagon road leads to lead producing mines, some of them famous as amongst the richest silver mines in the world, as well as being up to 50 and 60 per cent. in lead.

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Hall Mining & Smelting Co., Nelson 17,755 lbs. lead
Canadian Smelting Works, Trail 12,549 lbs. lead
Elsewhere in B. C. (Sul.) 11,296 lbs. lead
Export 15,735 lbs. lead

Europe 57,272 lbs. lead
Equal 25,396 tons
Output, 1904 29,993 tons

Increase 4,200 tons

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Exported, lead 57,157.20

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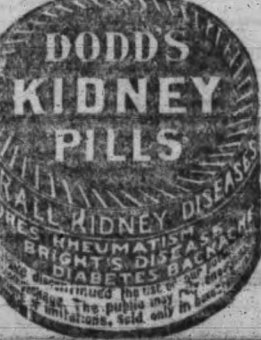
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OVER THE TEA TABLE

Mr. Frank O'Reilly, who is now practising his profession of civil engineer and surveyor at Cranbrook, is spending the holiday season at home with his brother and sister.

Mrs. Archer Martin left on Wednesday for Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Briggs, of Nelson, are visiting the city. They spent Christmas in New Westminster. Mr. Briggs' old home.

Dr. John L. Todd is home after having spent some years in Africa in scientific research as to the cause of and remedies for certain diseases peculiar to tropical countries. In honor of his home coming his mother Mrs. J. H. Todd has issued invitations for a dance at "The Leasowes" on Friday, 5th January. This dance, the Langley-Balke wedding on the 3rd and the Government House ball on the 18th are social fixtures already arranged for next month.

Mr. and Mrs. Fordham came down from Vancouver, and spent Christmas at Oaxden and returned again on Tuesday.

Mr. Charlie Cambie was renewing acquaintances in town on Thursday. At present he occupies the position of accountant of the Bank of Commerce in Toronto, and being in the Territories he made a flying trip to his people in Vancouver.

Mr. B. W. Powell and Mr. Rae Rome were two Victorians now engaged in business in Vancouver who ate their Christmas dinner at home here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Plummerfelt and Miss Gertrude Plummerfelt, who have been travelling in Europe for the last six months, are home again. Miss Norma Plummerfelt, who accompanied them in their travels, remained in London, where Miss Edith Davis, another Victoria lady, is also spending the winter.

On Saturday afternoon last Mrs. J. H. Todd gave a large and delightful Christmas tree party at her residence on St. Charles street. The tree stood in the large hall downstairs, and with its many candles, strings of popcorn and tinsel, and loads of presents from Santa Claus presented a very pretty appearance. After tea, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the many children present Miss Wigley, who represented Santa Claus, distributed the gifts. Towards night, tired and happy the little ones departed for their homes, but not before thanking Mrs. Todd and her daughter for the good time they had had.

One of the largest and jolliest of the Christmas season parties was that given on Saturday night last by Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Pemberton, who will leave shortly for a trip to Europe. A new dining room has recently been added to the house, and in this room in which there were masses of the many different flowers and plants, for which "Mount Joy" is noted, guests to the

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Miss Winona Troup is spending her holidays at home. Mrs. Troup went over and accompanied her back from the Sound, where she is attending school.

Mrs. and Miss Shelby, of Portland, are the guests of Mrs. G. A. MacTavish, Heywood avenue.

The engagement is announced of Miss Ethel M. Bechtel to Dr. J. W. Lennox, of Tucson, Arizona. The wedding will take place some time in June in Victoria.

Miss Camp, of the Prairie hotel, is to be married on Wednesday, January 3rd, to Mr. Downey, North Saanich, at St. Stephen's, South Saanich, at 2 p. m. The ceremony will be private, on account of the recent death of the bride's father.

LADY GAY.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 29-2 a. m.—An ocean storm, area is approaching the Oregon coast. It is likely to cause high winds on the coast and sleet or snow over portions of Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland. Heavy rains prevail in Eastern Oregon and Northern California, and snow is falling in California. Light but snowfalls have occurred in the prairie provinces.

Forecast.

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Sunday. Victoria and vicinity—Northerly and westerly winds, unsettled, with rain or sleet.

Lower Mainland—Northerly and easterly winds, unsettled, with sleet or snow.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.8; temperature, 4; minimum, 4; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, trace; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.7; temperature, 26; minimum, 2; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, 4; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.7; temperature, 26; minimum, 24; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.3; temperature, 20; minimum, 14; wind, calm; snow, 30; weather, snow.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.3; temperature, 42; minimum, 42; wind, 6 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.7; temperature, 3 below; minimum, 6 below; wind, 4 miles S. W.; weather, clear.

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THE YEAR 1905, AND AFTER

With this issue the Times completes the book of the year 1905. The press will not revolve again until the 2nd day of January, 1906. For us, as for the world in general, the year rapidly drawing to a close has been an eventful one. We have gone steadily forward on the path of progress, adding improvements which make the equipment of the Times establishment one of the most complete for its size on the American continent. There are presses capable of printing more newspapers in a given time than our Hoe, but they merely represent the multiplication of the principle embodied in our machine. Their capacity has been increased, as the capacity of a building is increased, by adding additional storeys.

The past year has been a fairly prosperous one in all lines of business in the city of Victoria; but the growth of business in the past year would not in itself have warranted the expenditure to which we have gone. The prospects for the coming year and for succeeding years are so excellent, that we consider ourselves justified in anticipating to a certain the future.

May all our readers and patrons in this good old city also indulge in lively hopes for the future, and may their anticipations be fully realized. A happy and prosperous New Year to all!

The year 1905 has been an eventful one in the history of the world. The most notable feature of it was the humiliation of Russia, a nation whose might and resources filled the greatest of neighboring nations with something more than mere respect. A despised power, a people who were not even accorded the status of a power, pressed the cup to the lips of the swaggerer and compelled him to drain it down to the lees. And the end for Russia is not yet. No one is gifted with sufficient prescience to predict what the ultimate outcome will be. Of the Muscovites the Jap has slain his thousands; ere the Tartar be restored to his right mind his fratricidal hand may be steeped in the blood of tens of thousands. When such a spirit as that which is stalking through the land is once aroused it is difficult to predict the ultimate outcome. For all that is being done, for outrages and brutalities that are almost outside the range of the imagination of a reasonably well balanced Western mind, the centuries-old system of Russia and the administrators of that system must shoulder the moral responsibility.

Turkey, of course, is in the midst of a regular and seasonal period of turmoil. It is not impossible that the Sultan, in the name of humanity, may be subjected to the humiliation of impotently standing by and seeing another slice cut from his territory.

Outside of the above two unsettled countries the relations between the nations are of the best. The feeling between Great Britain and the United States has never been more cordial.

This in itself furnishes a very substantial guarantee of the permanent peace of the world. Still one cannot overlook the fact that some of the powers are persistently increasing their armament and preparing for any eventualities which may suddenly transpire. But the fact still remains that all the really civilized portion of the earth is firmly convinced that the day of great wars is past. Not one of the great powers dare heedlessly or recklessly appeal to the terrible arbitrament of the sword. None of them can hope for such prosperity as we enjoy in this yet new continent, but the outlook for them all is hopeful with the sense of permanent tranquility. While the year upon which we are about to enter is likely to be a notable one in many respects, may it not be distinguished as a period of inhuman carnage.

ONE ADVANTAGE ENJOYED BY COMMON MEN.

It must be a very agreeable sensation to feel that, let the world wag as it may, daily bread, and other things, shall always be forthcoming. Still every person in whom the principles of mankind have been properly developed must occasionally feel that it is a glorious thing to be independent and to realize that in all respects he is a free agent, capable of following the course that appears good in his eyes. The royal personages of the Old World have been placed by the accident of birth in stations that are a guarantee they shall not want. And yet they live and move under disadvantages that must sometimes seem irksome. For example, the young King of Spain is about to be permitted to behold for the first time the consort who has been chosen for him by the hidden agents who are responsible for his acts, public and private. People of the class who are absolutely free in respect to matters in which the chief representatives of royal times are so inconveniently hampered may be pardoned if they indulge in a trifling degree of curiosity respecting the sensations of the young couple when they are introduced to each other for the first time. Then there is the obstacle, which occasionally arises, of differences, not in religion, but in the form in which belief is expressed in public worship of the Creator. Alliances have not yet been entered into between sovereigns, or prospective sovereigns, in which the fundamental religious principles inculcated are not practically identical. Mohammedan and Christian "royalties" have hitherto stood aloof in a matrimonial sense. At the rate the world is progressing towards the form of religious liberty the time may come when even the fundamental principles may become no obstacle to the domineering of royal blood of different lines. In the case of the King of Spain and his intended the lady had to give way, of course, and bring her religious faith into conformity with that of her prospective spouse. That matter was easily managed, and all that remains to be done is for the church to bestow its blessing upon the loving couple. Still, as we have said, it is probable that kings would prefer to be as other men at the interesting crises of their royal lives.

VOICE OF THE MARRIED WOMAN.

At last the worm has turned. It has been trodden on and expostulated with and told to keep in the place nature intended it to occupy, until the situation became intolerable. Now it comes boldly forth, exercises that which too many have assumed it did not possess, thinking powers, takes its pen in hand, and tells the world some things that may do it good. We admire people who are endowed with the spirit to stand up and defend their rights, and especially do we admire those who wield the twentieth-century weapon of offence and defence—the pen—with skill, deftness, courage and determination. The worm thus writes to a Toronto newspaper:

To the Editor of the Globe: May I beg a little of your valuable space to air the grievances of the class to which I belong—that of married women?

We have been lectured by males from time immemorial concerning the duty we owe, etc., and if we have not enjoyed it, we have, at all events, endured it. The male clerical has preached at us, and we have entertained him with roast chicken and pie even to the third and fourth slice, and sought far and wide for toothsome recipes for dishes to send to the anniversary tea meeting. The male journalist has set forth our obligations by the column, and we have continued to read his journal. Even the male laic has told us what we had ought to do; what time he accepted the infrequent invitation to step up to the platform and say a few words, and we have waited till he was well out of hearing before remarking that it was like his impudence.

But now it appears, from the report of the Women's Institute meeting at Guelph, the maiden lady has arisen also to lecture us, and we arise also and declare we won't stand it. It is the last straw, and under it the backbone of our patience has given way.

Moreover, she wants us to keep our arms rounded at the waist, and our cheeks rouged over the cookstove, and leave social and church functions to her class. And we refuse! We are going to run the church fair and the afternoon tea just as of yore, and if our husbands don't like it they need not carry us any more. Let them

marry the maiden ladies and we will conduct institutes and mount the lecture platform, and join, in fine, that vast army who, like Portia and our numerous monitors, "would rather show twenty the way to go than be one of the twenty to follow our own showing."

A MARRIED WOMAN.
Thamesville, Dec. 15th.

A CHRISTMAS GREETING.

Premier McBride's Message to the People of the Dominion.

Among Christmas greetings from public men of the Dominion, which were published in the Toronto Globe, appears one from the Premier of this province, Hon. R. McBride. It is as follows:

On behalf of the great Pacific province most gladly do I embrace this opportunity for extending the season's greetings to the people of Canada. As Canadians we have great reason to welcome this Christmas-tide with thankful hearts, and to feel grateful for the many favors we enjoy in our native land. On the last day of a journey from Halifax to Victoria it is more than a pleasing task to tell of the mighty strides that Canada is making and the marvellous evidences of material prosperity that meet the eye everywhere. While 1905 must go down in history as a period of great material and national development throughout the Dominion, present indications point to still greater advancement. To British Columbia the year just closed has brought a bountiful harvest, the natural wealth of the country, her soil, her forests, her rivers and her fisheries, yielding abundantly to the enterprise of a thrifty and contented people.

NEW-YEAR FESTIVITIES.

Victorians Will "Ring Out the Old and Ring in the New"—Receptions.

When the next issue of the Times reaches its readers, the current year, 1905, will have passed into history. From present indications the exit of the old and the advent of the New Year will be marked by the usual boisterous festivity of the past of Victorians. Already the small boys have commenced the invasion of toy shops to secure horns, whistles, and other noise producing appliances, which make their appearance on the evening of the last day of the departing year. But the juveniles are not the only ones who delight in this annual celebration, and no doubt the streets will be thronged tomorrow night by those anxious to participate in the ceremony of ringing out the old and ringing in the New Year.

As a general rule, watch night services are held at 11 o'clock in the churches—on this occasion only one or two will observe the formality. Services will be held at the Metropolitan. They will commence at 11 o'clock, and continue until after midnight. The regular Sunday devotional exercises will take place at the Catholic cathedral, while a morning service will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. At the Congregational church there will be special services on Sunday evening, the pastor, Rev. H. Carson, having decided to forego the watch night exercises owing to the fact that his congregation is very scattered and would have some inconvenience in reaching their homes at an early hour in the morning.

On Monday (New Year's Day), there will be a number of public receptions. The Lieut.-Governor will be "at home" from 3 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon, and it is expected, he will receive the usual large number of callers. A function appropriate to the occasion is announced by the members of the Young Men's Christian Association. They have issued invitations for a reception from 3 to 6 o'clock, at which refreshments will be dispensed, and a programme rendered, including an exhibition by the business men's class, recitations and vocal and instrumental selections. There will be an entertainment in the evening, commencing at 8 o'clock, to which all are invited. With the majority of Victorians the season of congratulations. Every one is then imbued with a spirit of hospitality the holiday should be pleasantly spent in social intercourse.

SUDDEN DEATH.

O. L. Spencer, of Vancouver, Passed Away in San Francisco.

A telegram was received in Vancouver Thursday by J. H. Senkler announcing the rather sudden death in San Francisco of O. L. Spencer, of Vancouver. The news came as a great shock to relatives and friends of the deceased, as it was only the day before that Mrs. Spencer received a telegram from him, saying that he was ill with pneumonia, but did not consider it serious.

Mr. Spencer had lived in Vancouver for about ten years, and was well-known and very popular. He was an enthusiastic yachtsman, and had been secretary of the Vancouver Yacht Club since its organization, and was also closely connected with the bicycle club. He was also a prominent Freemason.

Born at Harpenden, Hertfordshire, England, the eldest son of Rev. Leigh Spencer, rector there, and afterwards vicar of Renhold, Bedfordshire, the deceased was educated at Laming College, Sussex, and read with private tutors for the English bar. He was articled to George Nelson, a well-known legal firm, at Buckingham, and was transferred to Toronto in 1880, where he completed his articles in the office of the late Hector Cameron, Q. C., with whom he finally became a partner. He was then secretary of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, ill-health of a rheumatic form, brought him to New Westminster, B. C., in 1891, where he qualified for the British Columbia bar, in Armstrong, Eckstein & Gwynor's office, removing to Vancouver a year later, where he was practising law till his death. The deceased leaves a widow, the eldest daughter of P. A. Macdonald, of Oakville, and three children, Leigh, in the Crow's Nest Coal Company, Fernie, and Cyril and Dorothy, two sisters.

Are you going to the Poodle Dog for your Christmas Dinner? If so engage your seat ahead.

SOME STATISTICS FOR THIS YEAR

BUILDING PROGRESS HAS BEEN VERY GOOD

Large Number of Structures Have Been Erected—Inland Revenue and Other Returns.

The buildings statistics for the year show very encouraging progress, equalling the total of last year, which was \$600,000. Of course the largest individual showing was made on the C. P. R. tourist hotel, on which considerable work was done. In addition to the entries at the inspector's office there are many buildings which he has not had time to record, while there were also a considerable number erected in the suburbs of which no report was made. Following are the returns:

C. H. Arundel, building on St. Charles street, 2½ story, with stone foundation, \$4,500.
Mr. Allen, one story house and basement on Carr street, \$3,000.
G. H. Barnard, one story addition to Brayshaw's carriage factory, Gordon street, \$700.
Mr. Birney, one story frame building, Kingston street, \$800.
W. W. Boorman, house on Alfred street, \$1,500.
A. S. Boorman, house on Alfred street, \$2,500.
G. H. Brown, 1½ story frame building, Princess street, James Bay, \$1,500.
W. Bryce, building corner Elford street and Cadboro Bay road, \$3,500.
Misses Blume, two story dwelling, Elford street, \$2,000.
Misses Bell, two story brick building, \$4,500.
B. C. Land & Investment Agency, building on Work Estate.
A. Brockhurst, one story building with basement, McLure street, \$1,000.
Rev. Canon Beaudin, addition to dwelling, Burdette avenue, \$500.
W. H. Blund, two story frame building, Powell street, \$1,800.
D. H. Bale, 1½ story frame house, Elford street, \$1,900.
Thos. Barton, one story concrete house, Michigan street, \$1,800.
W. H. Clarke, 1½ story frame building, South Turner street, \$2,500.
John Greed, Jr., 1½ story frame building, Fernwood road and Alfred street, \$1,600.
D. K. Chunganes, two story brick building, Broughton street, \$4,500.
Chinese Empire Reform Association, three story brick building on Government street, \$10,000.
City of Victoria, Aged and Infirm Home building (stone and brick), \$5,500.
Richard Collier, six 1-story cottages on Ellis street, \$7,200.
Rev. Chas. Cooper, two story frame building with basement, \$2,000.
C. P. R. hotel, brick and stone (work for 1905), \$100,000.
C. P. R. Wharf, Belleville street, \$20,000.
James Donaldson, dwelling on St. Lawrence street, \$800.
Mrs. Jane Dunsmuir, frame building, Fernwood road, \$4,000.
R. B. Dunsmuir, building, Esquimalt road, \$7,000.
James Forman, 1½ story frame building, Linden avenue, \$2,000.
Alex. Ferguson, 1½ story frame house, Clarence street, \$2,500.
Fred Foster, building on Johnson street, \$2,000.
L. Gates, 1½ story house, Bay street, \$1,600.
B. Gonnason, addition to house, Second street, \$800.
A. J. Garesche, two story brick building with basement, \$2,500.
Mrs. Mary Garland, two 1½ story frame buildings, Herald street, \$2,000.
J. Glascombe, one story frame building, Pioneer street, \$800.
W. J. Hanna, two story brick building, Yates street, \$5,000.
Chas. Hoyt, one story frame cottage, Work Estate, \$2,200.
W. Heatherbell, one story brick cottage, Linden avenue, \$3,000.
Mrs. J. Hutchinson, addition to house, Victoria Crescent, \$900.
Mrs. Kate Huxley, 1½ story frame building, Fernwood Estate, \$1,400.
C. Ireland, 1½ story building on Superior street, \$2,000.
P. June, two story addition to his house on Fourth street, \$750.
J. M. Johnson, one story cottage, Clarence street, \$1,500.
Messrs. Joine Bros., 1½ story brick building, Johnson street, \$2,200.
W. H. Knight, house, Fernwood estate, \$1,200.
Mrs. C. King, one story frame building, \$800; dwelling, Pioneer street, \$650.
H. J. Knott, 1½ story frame building, Spring Ridge, \$2,000.
Lee Cheon & Lee Way, four one-story frame building, Herald street, \$1,400.
Walter Loney, one story frame building, Niagara street, \$1,500.
S. M. Lamb, one story building, Belcher street, \$2,000.
E. Molun, two story house, McLure street, \$3,000.
McLure Co., four story brick building, Broad street, \$12,000.
H. A. Munn, frame residence, MacGregor avenue, \$4,000.
R. Mowat, two story house, Cadboro Bay road, \$3,000.
G. C. Mesher, two story house, Dalnas road, \$2,000.
A. E. Mills, 1½ story frame dwelling, Powell street, \$1,000.
J. A. Mitchell, building, Rockland avenue, \$1,000.
A. Moses, two frame houses on Yates street, \$3,000.
Mrs. Morrill, 1½ story frame building, Simcoe street, \$2,000.
Miss M. Mackenzie, cottage on corner Leighton and Lee avenue, \$800.
Mr. McCrimmon, one story building, Belcher street, \$2,000 (now owned by Jas. Fletcher).
W. Y. McCarter, one story frame building, Quebec street, \$2,200.
Mrs. M. McCurrah, 2 story frame building, corner Cook and Richardson streets, \$2,800.
J. C. Newbury, 5½ story building, Carr street, \$5,500.
On Hing Bros., one two-story brick building, Government street, \$4,000.

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Mr. Owens, 1 story brick building, \$1,500.
A. Pike, 1 story frame cottage, Clarence street, \$2,000.
O. Promis, 2 story brick building, Government street, \$20,000.
F. E. Plummer, 2 story frame dwelling, Quadra street, \$2,000.
Roman Catholic church building, Langford street, Victoria West, \$3,000.
Messrs. Rennie & Taylor, 1½ story frame residence, Spring Ridge, \$1,200.
T. Rennie, 1½ story and basement building, \$1,500.
John Raymond, 2 story brick building, Pandora street, \$4,000.
R. Seabrook, 1½ story frame building, corner Douglas street, \$2,000.
R. Sellick, 1 story frame dwelling on Kingston street, \$1,500.
W. J. Stephens, 1 story building corner Bridge and John street, \$2,000.
S. Stockholm, 1½ story building on Douglas street, \$1,800.
J. C. Stephens, 1½ story frame building, Yates street, \$2,500.
B. Sinclair, 2 story brick building, corner Yates and Vancouver streets, \$2,000.
W. G. Stevenson, frame barn, Beckley farm, \$200.
W. E. Sylvester, 1½ story dwelling, Cadboro Bay road, \$1,800.
J. A. Scott, 2 story frame building, Fort street, \$2,500.
A. Schroeder, 1½ story frame dwelling, Clarence street, \$2,000.
R. H. Swinnerton, addition to dwelling, Fernwood road, \$4,000.
John M. Speers, 2 story frame building, Oak street, \$1,800.
F. H. Stirling, 2½ story frame building, Rockland avenue, \$7,000.
Capt. Troup, 2 story frame building, Government street, \$3,000.
Mrs. L. Thompson, building on Fernwood road.
Victoria Brewery, two new floors, \$6,000.
E. Vaughan, 1½ story house, Milne street, \$1,800.
Ag. Woods, 1 story stone cottage, Washington avenue, \$2,000.
Geo. Wynne, 2 story frame building, corner Pandora and Rebecca streets, \$3,000.
Mrs. Williams, 1 story house Pembroke street, \$500.
Mrs. Russell Wescott, 2 story house, Johnson street, \$2,500.
E. Wilson, frame dwelling, Rockland avenue, \$4,000.
F. J. Williams, 1½ story frame dwelling, Beckley Farm, \$2,000.
J. E. Wilson, 2½ story frame dwelling, St. Charles street, \$7,500.
S. J. Willis, two story dwelling, Cadboro Bay road, \$2,500.
Miss E. J. Walker, building corner of Port and Meers streets, \$2,500.
Mrs. Margaret Wright, 1½ story cottage, St. Charles street.
F. H. Williams, small house, Fernwood Estate, \$300.
D. Zarelli, two one story frame dwellings, Johnson street, \$1,800.

Civic Work For Year.

The past year has been very active in the way of civic improvements. Continuing the policy of last year a very considerable quantity of permanent sidewalk was laid in the city. The year has been in fact a record one in this respect. About eight and a half miles of permanent sidewalks has been laid at a cost of about \$60,000. Last year about seven and a half miles were laid. This brings the total length of cement sidewalks in Victoria up to about 15 or 20 miles. The difficulty which arose in connection with the Spring Ridge septic tank scheme has had the effect of reducing the sewerage work this year. At the present time, however, the city engineer's department has the work for the connecting of Spring Ridge by a main which traverses by way of the Jubilee hospital, and thence to Ross Bay. This scheme entails an expenditure of \$120,000, and about 90 men are now engaged on this work, which is proceeding from Ross Bay. The main will be about three and a half miles long, and will drain Oak Bay avenue as well as the Spring Ridge district.

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The raffle for the fur rug which was to take place at Frank Tetroy's on New Year's Day, has been postponed until the 12th inst.

Owing to Monday being New Year's Day the Daughters of St. George will hold their meeting on Wednesday afternoon in the lodge room.

Sunday being New Year's Eve there will be a watch night service at St. John's, at 11 p.m. Preacher, Rev. J. Stanley Ard, Hymns, 238, 184, 239, 165.

The choir of Christ church cathedral will repeat the Christmas carols on Sunday evening in order that those who have not heard them, may have an opportunity to enjoy a really excellent collection of sacred numbers.

Members of the various Farmers' Institutes in the city are reminded that their memberships cease on December 31st, and will have to be renewed if they wish to continue to have all the advantages. Members who joined since October 1st, are entitled to membership for the succeeding year.

Another cargo ship has been added to these en route to this port, the British ship Barocore having been taken up by Robert Watson & Company to load at Liverpool and Glasgow for Victoria and Vancouver. The Barocore is a vessel of 2,041 tons register, and is commanded by Capt. McKenzie. She sailed from San Francisco for Liverpool on August 24th. The vessel is under the Red Funnel Shipping Co. of Liverpool.

An entertainment in connection with the Christmas tree took place at Institute hall last night, under the auspices of the Sunday school teachers of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic cathedral. The entertainment was largely attended by the parents of more than 250 children. Santa Claus remembered all the scholars of the school, and gave special gifts to the best children of each class. The entertainment was a great success, and elicited general applause. It was given by the children of the Sunday school, assisted by several of the teachers giving recitations and musical numbers. The most attractive number was the drill performed by the boys of St. Mary's College, under the direction of Mr. Molcahy.

The local branch of the Salvation Army is preparing to give, the old year a proper farewell and to welcome the incoming year. Meetings will be held to-morrow as follows: Holiness meeting, 10.40 to 11.45 a.m.; free and easy, 2 o'clock; and the usual Salvation meeting at 8 p.m. A recess will be taken, between 9 and 10.30 p.m., during which all those who wish to remain to the second (or midnight) service will be treated to a cup of coffee and a sandwich by the local members, and at sharp 12 o'clock (midnight) there will be a public enrollment of seniors. Anyone desiring to learn what the regulations of the Salvation Army requires of candidates for membership is cordially invited to attend the enrollment service. Open air services at 10.30 a.m., 2.30 p.m., 7.30 p.m. and 10.50 p.m. Everybody invited to every service.

MISS A. D. CAMERON CROSS-EXAMINED

(Continued from page 1.)

The cross-examination of Miss Cameron by Mr. Eberts was continued this morning.

Witness said that the Blair system was not up-to-date, that its effect was to stamp the initials. Proceeding, she said that students leaving the schools and going to business houses were handicapped by their poor writing. They then, many of them, went to professional colleges to obtain a special course. At these institutions a perfect freedom of arm was gained.

Counsel read from an authority upholding the system of teaching writing by means of tracing characters. From the same volume he cited the recommendation that the same method might be followed to advantage in drawing.

Answering a question as to whether she agreed with the opinion expressed, witness replied in the negative.

Asked whether she termed the Blair method of drawing a "rotten" one, Miss Cameron answered in the negative. She said that the word was used by one of the trustees at the last meeting of the board. However, she agreed with it to a great extent.

With reference to the June examination of 1904, witness said that the drawing had been termed "satisfactory throughout," but the corresponding class was not "satisfactory."

THE BLAIR was an average of 45. The pupils did not pass on any commendatory remarks by the examiner but by the marks awarded the work.

Questioned further, Miss Cameron said she taught grammar. She didn't give herself up to her ability in this direction. Continuing, she said that in the royal commission intended to investigate the grammar papers she could show just as glaring injustice as in the drawing. She believed that her school was discriminated against and craved the indulgence of the commission to endeavor to prove that a strong statement. This was granted, counsel took the witness and returned to state her case.

Taking the work of Ida McNeven, she contended that if the proper marks had been allowed for her work she would have been enjoying the privileges of a high school education for the past six months. Referring to the drawing books and their marking by Mr. Blair, she said that there were certain markings on the outside of the books. So far there had been no reference to the scale or geometrical drawings. It being of the fact that this was allowed in these cases, she understood that the examiner had a most elaborate system of marking. All the books, however, had been given a jump mark, the figures placed upon the outside of each volume. She did not know whether this included what was allowed for the designs on which ruling was permitted, according to instructions. The Muirhead book, she added, which Mr. Blair had said was the most pleasing of the entire collection, had been allowed the magnificent mark of five out of a considerable total.

Continuing, Miss Cameron contended that entrance to the High school was a matter of marks. One or two below the required percentage disallowed the entrance of pupils to the High school. A principal could not make a recommendation and have a student so unfortunate, promoted. With this in view she had endeavored to have one or two optional subjects introduced in the South Park school curriculum. By this means the students might make up the total needed and so have two or three years in their school life. Last year geometry had been allowed as part of the curriculum of the Central school. Thus the South Park school labored under a handicap in passing pupils to the Victoria College.

With the object of obtaining the same privilege she had written to the department, but no satisfaction had been obtained. Through the courtesy of superintendent of schools, F. H. Eaton, witness had secured permission to look over the entrance list of the Central school in the June examination. By this she had found that the pupils of that institution had been able to take optional subjects. Striking averages which she had discovered that those taking Latin had obtained much more than those writing on other subjects.

Answering Mr. Eberts, witness did not remember having had an interview with Superintendent Robinson, which she had received a full verbal explanation of the matter. She did not know why it was done. This was not any more a discrimination against the South Park than against other schools of the province. She, however, was not fighting for the admission of the students of the British Columbia.

"You seem to have a very vivid recollection of most things that have occurred, although you have no remembrance of the conversation in question." "That's correct," return Miss Cameron.

"It seems to me," said counsel, "that you remember just when you want to."

At this Miss Cameron appealed to Commissioner Lampman, making the remark that such a comment was decidedly unfair.

Replying to Mr. Eberts, witness said that Ida McNeven, had she obtained a mark of 60, would have succeeded in obtaining entrance to the High school.

Counsel went on to ask whether she would not have passed if she had received more marks in other subjects? Witness replied to the effect that she didn't know.

Referring to Sidney Wilson, she contended that that pupil had received a severe set back at the outset of his career as a result of the throwing out of the South Park school drawing books. This had been done, she held, for one or two reasons, namely, with for dishonest practices on the part of the pupils or as discipline for the teachers.

"Now we'll get down to another matter," remarked Mr. Eberts, "which will be equally profitable to me."

Witness knew that marks had been allowed on the time drawing books above, and that the books had been discarded.

Counsel then took up the communication between Miss Cameron and the department of education in reference to the disallowance of the work. He asked whether her statement to the effect that Mr. Blair's instructions had been followed—"functionals"—remembering the fact that the datum lines had been ruled, was correct?

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Witness conceded that the tracings mentioned had been done by means of a mechanical contrivance. She was not prepared to say that no other lines throughout the books had been ruled, but contended that all the work had been "honestly and fairly done."

Upon this she had taken and maintained a stand.

The question of the meaning of datum line was discussed at some length. Miss Cameron submitted definitions from three or four standard dictionaries, showing that the word meant something given, something upon which to base designs.

Commissioner Lampman did not see the utility of entering upon a debate of the word datum. There was nothing turning upon the point.

Miss Cameron said that she had given close supervision to the drawing while it was in progress.

Taking Clarence Muirhead's book, counsel drew attention to witness' certificate upon the cover. It had not been done under her personal supervision. "Therefore," counsel added, "what wasn't done under your personal supervision you certified as correct."

Explaining, Miss Cameron said that Master Muirhead had come in late and had been given permission to do the work alone. It was a necessary custom that the books should be certified before they were accepted. The work was not honestly done, although it had been held up by the examiners as the only one in which free hand prevailed.

Later on she acknowledged that it might have been careless, but it had been done as a favor. Witness said that there were others who had taken their work home for various reasons. The latter, however, had been allowed to draw only the scale and geometrical designs under these circumstances. She added that the children when put upon oath would be able to answer all such questions satisfactorily.

Taking the affidavits, counsel asked whether they were in the hand-writing of witness. The latter enumerated those that had been written by her and those which were dictated by others. She had never written the form of the affidavit on the blackboard of the class room. She had not sent the children to J. Peterson's office. Some information had been given them by witness. They had gone there of their own volition, estimating it a privilege to do so for the purpose of clearing their character of a stigma.

Mr. Eberts then went through the affidavits separately in order to ascertain the circumstances under which they were sworn.

Of the nine who are attending the High school, Margaret J. Clay, had not been informed of the affidavit proposal through some inadvertence. Of the remaining eight Anton Henderson, at his own request, took out a declaration to the effect that no ruler had been used even upon the datum lines. Ada, Margaret J. Clay, had not been informed of the affidavit proposal through some inadvertence. Of the remaining eight Anton Henderson, at his own request, took out a declaration to the effect that no ruler had been used even upon the datum lines. Ada, Margaret J. Clay, had not been informed of the affidavit proposal through some inadvertence. Of the remaining eight Anton Henderson, at his own request, took out a declaration to the effect that no ruler had been used even upon the datum lines.

Mr. Eberts continued to ask numerous questions but did not seem to obtain a satisfactory answer. At this point, Miss Cameron remarked that there was nothing concerning the affidavits which she did not wish to come to light. The declarations which had been taken out by the children of the High school had been written after their arrival. She had gone to the home of the parents before taking such action.

The commission then adjourned until 10.30 o'clock on Wednesday.

PERSONAL

Among the guests at the Gordon are: W. Gosling, of Edinburgh, Scotland; Mr. Lewis and W. J. Tripp, of Kansas City; Mr. Bartlett, of England; R. B. Plum, of Worcester, Eng.; H. Killen, of Calgary; G. Cunningham and O. A. Ragstad, of Port Essington; R. Shaw, of Colwood; C. H. Miss, of Vancouver; J. H. Christie, of Vancouver; John Brahm, of Dawson; and J. J. Jackson, of Port San Juan.

C. W. D. Clifford, M. P. P., has returned from Europe after leaving Mrs. Clifford and his daughter in Geneva. Mr. Clifford made the trip from Paris, France, to Seattle in ten days and a half. He came by way of Havre, taking steamer from there to New York.

J. H. Mason, of Tacoma; A. V. Dahlberg, and F. J. Longworth, of Seattle; R. J. Foster, of Vancouver; and J. E. Macfarlane, of Vancouver, are at the King Edward.

Senator J. H. Ross, of Moose Jaw, formerly Governor of the Yukon Territory, is in the city, spending a few days with his children. He will leave to-night for Los Angeles.

R. E. Davis, of Anacortes; C. H. Bonter, of Nelson; J. A. Macdonald, of Okanagan; and R. A. Corbett and H. A. Youdall, of Vancouver, are at the Grand Hotel.

Mr. Sloan, M. P., of Nanaimo, was at the Grand hotel, evening. He left this morning for home.

The members of the Royal Engineer Quadrille Club will give their annual dance in the five court, at Work Point barracks, on Monday, the 1st proximo, commencing at 8 p.m. The secretary desires the Times to state that the invitations for the ordinary dances held good for this event. They should, however, be shown at the entrance to the dance room.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

Pilot Arrived To-Day From the North—Gave Schooner Evia a Tow South.

Tug Pilot arrived this morning from the North with the Baroda, laden with concentrates for Tacoma. En route south the steamer picked up the American schooner Evia, 20 days out from Cook's Inlet. The schooner is bound for Seattle. Meeting with heavy weather, she got into the inside passage where she was making slow progress. The vessel is continuing her voyage to the Sound this morning. Capt. Oscar Searf, of the tug Pilot, says that at Hedley smelter, on Prince of Wales Island, he running full blast and is consuming 1,500 tons of coke a month. The Pilot will leave for Skagway at the beginning of the week with the Oregon in tow, laden with coal for the White Pass & Yukon railway.

The ship Puake will leave Port Townsend for Vancouver to-day to load lumber for Sydney, N. S. W.

The American ship Carrollton will leave the Haslingham mill in a few days laden with 1,120,000 feet of lumber for South Africa.

The British ship Claver, loading lumber at the Hastings mill for Iceland.

The British ship Dittion, which has been in Esquimaux for several weeks awaiting a charter, will proceed to Chemainus in a few days to load lumber for Antofagasta.

The steamship Oania, will be due from the Orient on Thursday.

The steamship Pentaur, of the Kosmos line, sailed from San Francisco for Victoria on Thursday last with a shipment of sugar from Peru for the Vancouver sugar refinery.

Barque Adderley is out six days from Honolulu en route to Chemainus to load lumber for Australia.

MARRIED AT SPOKANE

Dr. R. B. Dier, of Victoria, Weds Cranbrook Girl.

Dr. R. B. Dier, of this city, and Miss Gertrude C. Williams, of Cranbrook, were united in wedlock at Spokane on Saturday. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. O. W. Van Osdel, of the Baptist church, in the presence of only the immediate friends of the contracting parties. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Milton Williams, and Mr. S. Atkinson, formerly of this city, performed the ceremonial duties of best man. Mr. and Mrs. Dier arrived in the city yesterday, and will shortly leave for Ladysmith, where they will make their home. Dr. Dier having quite an extensive dental practice there.

The vital statistics for the past year show that 513 births, 251 marriages and 321 deaths were officially recorded.

A watch night service will be held in St. James' church on Sunday night, beginning at 11.30 with an address by Rev. W. Baugh Allan.

A reception will be held at the W. C. T. U. mission, Yates street, on Monday afternoon and evening, beginning at 1 o'clock. All friends of the mission and any strangers in the city are cordially invited. Any donations of refreshments will be thankfully received at the mission on Monday.

In Weller's ad. recently the word "Rodgers," of Joseph Rodgers & Sons, famous Sheffield cutlers, has nearly always appeared without the "d." Everyone dislikes to have their name spelled incorrectly, and Joseph Rodgers & Sons are no exception to the rule. The advertisement in which this error appeared yesterday was Weller Bros., who are agents for this cutlery.

There were ten fires in December, representing a loss of \$103. They were: December 7, chimney fire, Colonial hotel; December 8th, box 8—false alarm; December 11th, fire, Woodward's nursery, Fairfield road; loss, \$50; December 11th, chimney fire, Pandora street; December 15th, box 24, false alarm; December 15th, phone, chimney fire, Dallas road; December 24th, chimney fire, South Park street; December 25th, overheated stove pipe, South Park street; loss, \$3; December 29th, fire in Chinese shack, Store street, \$50.

FOR MAYOR

To the Electors of Victoria: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—Being requested by a number of citizens to accept nomination for Mayor, I feel in duty bound to offer my services, and do so for me willingly, believing the people are weary of the insidious influences exercised by corporate companies over our affairs.

That they are prepared for municipal control and gradual ownership of public utilities.

For the replacing of the present high rates for light with the minimum for good service.

For a square deal on the water question, believing that the present trumped up suit is a menace to the rights of the city.

For a more efficient and economical service of the department of works.

For the safe-guarding of the city's interest in the disposition of the Songhees Reserve.

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A. J. MORLEY.
December 29th, 1905.

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"And a Happy New Year!" 1906 is due on Monday and we might well spend a few moments this Saturday evening discussing the possible new leaf that should be turned to our best benefit.

Speaking nationally—for nothing more local than the whole of Canada is large enough for our excited minds—we are put to our defence at once by some recent happenings at Quebec.

Sarah Bernhardt, you remember, in a characteristic interview at her hotel, accused our country of a direct recession in the gentler arts, and a forward progress only of the grosser life.

"Entre a terre," she might have put it.

The students of our venerable city of fortifications, protesting in an equally characteristic manner, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, most characteristic of all, spread oil on the troubled waters, and set Canada on her pedestal and obtained a kiss (fingers, merely, we parted) from the French Canadian.

But here comes the Pall Mall Gazette reminding us of what we had not forgotten, that our own Sir Gilbert Parker has thought similar charges to those of Bernhardt against our national growth.

"The material progress has been immense," he said, "but I see nothing finer sense perceptive," and more to that effect.

And the Gazette wonders why Sir Gilbert received no ovation (the Gazette's pun) of rotten eggs.

Let us first get the matter straight. The French Canadian student, as we remember him, "en gros et en detail," is artistic, poetic, sensitive, emotional, and a hero worshipper. However he may deteriorate in after life, in business, politics, or the professions, from his earlier ideals at the adolescent period and in the environment of college and the college towns, his love for art and his admiration for great artists amounts to a personal emotion as strong in its possibilities for good as it is liable to poignant hurt.

One remembers a tour of the Eastern provinces many years ago by the late Capoulin and John Harding, and the consequent wave of enthusiasm that brought every French-Canadian student to a high priced seat at the theatre night after night until the pews were overflowed with the pledged watches of impecunious youth.

One remembers a concert by Albani in her prime, when the lowest price of admission was two dollars, cash, and all at once, an immense sum to most of us).

It was rumored in the schools that standing room would be only one dollar, and nearly all French students, turned up expectant at the rear door, each with his sole talismanic coin.

"Alas, our 'open sesame' was of no virtue. The great door-keeper was a two-eyed dog, and nothing less than the least of plurals was coin sufficient to meet his voracious demands.

"It was despairing. The hour of Albani's state appearance, sound, and a group of dismay at the joys we were to miss trembled the crowd. But the hour brought the man.

Some happy genius of Laval, a leader in his college club, sprang light-footed to the knob of the closed portals and clinging with one hand to the lintel-swing his walking stick baton wise, and in a moment a chorus of three hundred voices were roaring the music of "Brigade, vous avez raison!"

Within a well-kept, house, impatient for the past half hour, saw at last a rising curtain and greeted the songstress with round after round of deafening applause.

The diva bowed smilingly as divas do and as the noise of her reception subsided to a hush of anticipation, stepped forward, nodded to her audience, and—

not from her sweet

throat came that volume of base and tenor-vocalisation vibrating through doors and defying locksmiths.

For an eternity of five minutes audience and artist listened—amazement, indignation, curiosity showed in turn upon Albani's countenance, and then a recognition of her native home songs, a hasty consultation with her manager and an impatient order, "Let the boys come in—at any price they choose!"

The great Albani was laughing as the boys trooped in to fill aisle and lobby and outer hall, but there were tears in her eyes when the last cheers died away and the troubled air sank to a stillness that presently trembled to one clear note, sinking to a flutter of melody and burst into billowing waves of magic.

There were no eggs thrown that night, and I cannot but think that Albani showed a similar appreciation of young Canada's art emotions, we should have been spared the shame of having mobbed an elderly lady.

Memo for New Year—Turn over a new leaf and throw no more eggs. As Mr. McBride says: "If you can't throw bouquets, throw a somersault."

As for Canadian art progress, what is the art that Sarah and Sir Gilbert cry for and where does it thrive? To quote from a recent English writer: "Art abhors a mild and sagacious order, she derives of the gods, before reason was tyrannical and passion are her right provocations—dirt and decay a necessary part of her kingdom's scheme."

Take in connection with Paul Bourget's pronouncement that "America is not yet sufficiently saturated with civilization to foster art," and we begin to appreciate our lack. We want more manning, evidently.

In a crude way we are doing well enough. Albani is ours and Parker, Margaret Anglin, Julia Arthurs, Maxine Elliott and others should satisfy Bernhardt that we are not retrograding in dramatic art. We have no great painters or sculptors but our culture along these lines is advancing. In literature we have Robert Herrick, Hugh MacLennan, W. A. Fraser and a few small poets.

Bernard McEvoy writes of Canada in a recent number of The Author: "The poetical output culminated in the last decade of the century with no fewer than one hundred and forty-one volumes, which for a population of five millions containing no leasured class is a little remarkable."

After speaking of Louis Frechette, Dr. Drummond, Bliss Carman, Wilfrid Campbell, Archibald Lampman and others, he says of C. G. D. Roberts, "If he had lived and written in England instead of in Canada his fame would by this time be world-wide, since he is, on the whole, in advance of most of his English contemporaries in poetry."

In this form of art our productive supply is evidently all right. What are we to do more? As the children are now enjoying the wane of their holidays and will soon return to the not altogether undisturbed peace of our Victoria schools, I append for their benefit a few New Year's cards illustrating the Denzilsonian art system of pedagogy.

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Throat came that volume of base and tenor-vocalisation vibrating through doors and defying locksmiths.

For an eternity of five minutes audience and artist listened—amazement, indignation, curiosity showed in turn upon Albani's countenance, and then a recognition of her native home songs, a hasty consultation with her manager and an impatient order, "Let the boys come in—at any price they choose!"

The great Albani was laughing as the boys trooped in to fill aisle and lobby and outer hall, but there were tears in her eyes when the last cheers died away and the troubled air sank to a stillness that presently trembled to one clear note, sinking to a flutter of melody and burst into billowing waves of magic.

There were no eggs thrown that night, and I cannot but think that Albani showed a similar appreciation of young Canada's art emotions, we should have been spared the shame of having mobbed an elderly lady.

Memo for New Year—Turn over a new leaf and throw no more eggs. As Mr. McBride says: "If you can't throw bouquets, throw a somersault."

As for Canadian art progress, what is the art that Sarah and Sir Gilbert cry for and where does it thrive? To quote from a recent English writer: "Art abhors a mild and sagacious order, she derives of the gods, before reason was tyrannical and passion are her right provocations—dirt and decay a necessary part of her kingdom's scheme."

Take in connection with Paul Bourget's pronouncement that "America is not yet sufficiently saturated with civilization to foster art," and we begin to appreciate our lack. We want more manning, evidently.

In a crude way we are doing well enough. Albani is ours and Parker, Margaret Anglin, Julia Arthurs, Maxine Elliott and others should satisfy Bernhardt that we are not retrograding in dramatic art. We have no great painters or sculptors but our culture along these lines is advancing. In literature we have Robert Herrick, Hugh MacLennan, W. A. Fraser and a few small poets.

Bernard McEvoy writes of Canada in a recent number of The Author: "The poetical output culminated in the last decade of the century with no fewer than one hundred and forty-one volumes, which for a population of five millions containing no leasured class is a little remarkable."

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worst yet. Did anyone ask you if we were married?" asked the state room. "Yes, sah, several folks did," replied George.

"Well, what did you tell them?" "I told 'em, sah," replied the honest negro, "you weren't married at all."

STRIKE OUT, CANUCK! The old grin lion's whelp you see, And yours to carry wide and far The old grin will that gains its star—Strike out, Canuck, strike out!

You have your untold miles to take, Your sleeping fires and mines to wake, Your million-homed new lands to make—Strike out, Canuck, strike out!

You flout no momentary tures—All time this silent North endures—So, since a new world now is yours, Strike out, Canuck, strike out!—Arthur Stringer in the Toronto Globe.

"Don't take it so hard, Mr. Playman," said the young woman, mockingly. "There are other girls you know. There's Lil' Gumpkins, Sallie Plimborn, Kate Isenogles, and Paul Blumink. Any one of them would make a better wife for you than I would." "I know it," he said, swallowing a lump in his throat, and turning to go. "If any one of those four girls had said yes, do you suppose I would have thought of coming here for a wife?"—Chicago Tribune.

Brushy—"What are you going to do with that picture you just finished?" De Auber—"I sold it to the proprietor of a small cafe this morning." Brushy—"Well, he evidently knows his business." De Auber—"What do you mean by that?" "That picture is enough to drive people to drink!"—Chicago Daily News.

Vilas that girl next door to you still got her parlor melodeon?" "No, she exchanged it for a cornet," I'm glad to say." "But, groovy, if she plays the cornet that's worse, isn't it?" "No, at all. It's only half as bad. She can't sing while she's playing the cornet!"—Philadelphia Press.

Secretary (humane asylum)—"Mrs. Shilobson was here today, and wanted to see her husband and placed under her care." Superintendent—"Did you let him go?" "No, he said he would rather stay here." "Hani! The man must be sane!"—New York Weekly.

Tommy—"Miss Wandering tells me her grandfather was a real estate conveyancer." "Yes," she said. "Tommy, why don't you try?" "Yes, yes, I see what she means!" The daughter's grandfather drove was a conveyance, transporting real estate!—Philadelphia Press.

"Some of his ancestors were highly distinguished," said the impressionable brown. "Yes," answered Miss Cayenne. "But owing to circumstances of eye, which you have no control, it is not one of his ancestors whom you have the opportunity to marry!"—Washington Star.

Green—"I thought you said that fellow Skinnon was as good as his word." Brown—"That's what I said." Green—"Well, he had to go to a business transaction." Brown—"But I didn't see his word was any good!"—Chicago Daily News.

"Your enemies are saying that you have made your name a by-word," said the censorious friend. "Yes," answered Senator Sordum, serenely. "I fancy I have arrived at a point where my name at the bottom of a cheque will buy about anything I want!"—Washington Star.

Jorkins—"I do not suppose that there is a man living that could successfully forge my name to a cheque and get it cashed." Jorkins—"Is your signature such a peculiar one?" Jorkins—"No, but I haven't any money in bank!"—Judge.

"It's really distressing to think," said the wealthy Mr. Farney, "that many very common and ignorant people will be admitted to heaven." "Well," replied Mr. Cutting, "that needn't worry you."—Philadelphia Press.

Swipes—"So Billy, the crook, got pined." Caught in his own trap, I suppose. Raffles, Jr.—"New, he got caught in somebody else's trap. Just climbed into it and drove off when it was left standing."—Chicago Daily News.

"Don't you think that the public sense of honesty is growing every day?" asked the impulsive optimist. "Perhaps it is," answered the cautious pessimist. "But I would hate to measure its growth by the rate at which the national conscience fund is increasing!"—Baltimore American.

"I don't see no chance for be thankful dis year." "How come?" "Well, de turkey roasts too high; en carryin' a ladder round in de middle er de night looks so suspicious."—Atlanta Constitution.

Farmer Wayback—"Is your son doing well at college?" Farmer Cornmeal—"I guess so. He hasn't sent for any extra money, and he isn't a candidate for either the nine, the eleven, or the crew."—Somerville Journal.

"My goodness, what a fright he is! All his front teeth are gone." "Yes, he lost them playing football." "Oh, how perfectly grand! Introduce him to me, won't you, please?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

"By George, I'm glad it's over! I've worked awfully hard during the last few days," said a man, leaning back in his chair. "Well, cheer up, it'll be a long time before you have any more work to do."—Cleveland Leader.

"Did I understand you to say that all rum selling has been stopped in your town?" "Not at all. I merely said it was strictly prohibited."

"Was it a happy marriage?" "It depends on how you look at it. She has everything to make her happy except her husband."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Miss Bonafide—"I just love to dance with him; he is so easy on his feet." Miss Cutting—"He never was on mine."—Indianapolis Star.

"Why don't you tell the voters what you can do for them?" "That's the campaign orator's business," answered Senator Sordum. "I'm busy figuring on what the voters can do for me."—Washington Star.

In The Hug of the Bear



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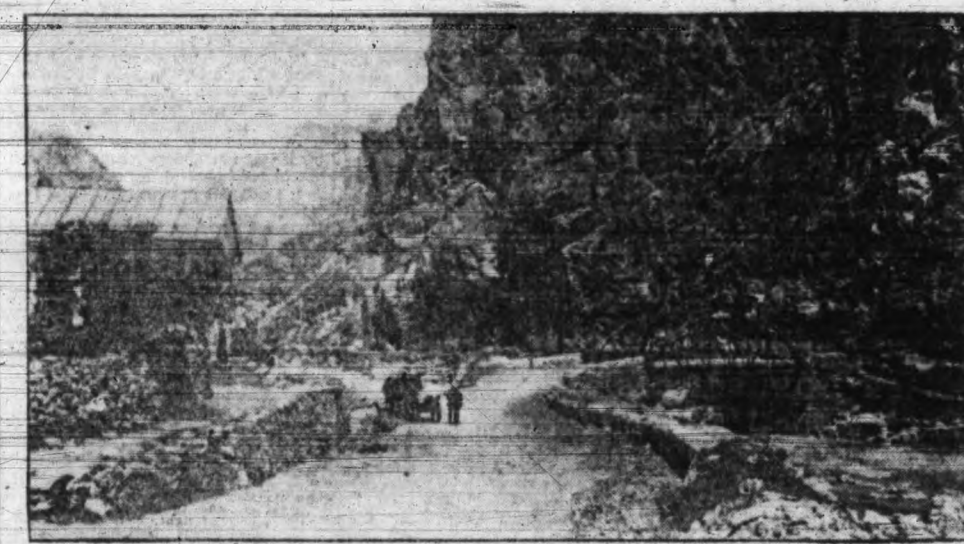
PART IV.

Instead of having to work back to the depot, over that cobbie stone road, the next morning the authorities, when ready to send us further on our journey, decided to include on our adventure a short drive across the plains. They put at our disposal regular army transport wagons driven by Russian horsemen, and with the usual fixed bayonet guard of honor we made the trip to the depot over a different route from the one traversed the night before. I had participated in some pretty rough journeys previous to this one, but I think that morning drive will live the longest in my memory. It was a

us. We did not embark at the depot as most passengers would have done, and probably as an extra precaution we were made to alight from the cars at a place prearranged. The restraining influence put forth by the officials to prevent the usual gathering of curious ones seemed unavailing, consequently we experienced many discomforts whilst the authorities were debating between themselves as to how we should be disposed of temporarily. We were marched to an open square which was bounded on all sides by overfilled habitations, for the constantly moving Russian soldiers. We were compelled to stand for three hours, during which time ten thousand of the populace surrounded us. We were in the centre of the ring at different stages of our standing it became very much compressed; in fact too much so to induce a feeling of security. However, with our usual good luck, which was manifest from the time we escaped a meeting with Admiral Kamimura's fleet, we at last

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BRIDGE CROSSING THE RIVER OAB—TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY.

strange looking procession, one which I would like to see reproduced by photography. The one's not fortunate enough to get a peek at us the night before certainly got their money's worth the next forenoon. By the way, the further inland we proceeded it seemed the more curious the crowds became. We arrived at the station without any serious mishap, and preparatory to embarkation for Kharbin, Manchuria, we partook of some light refreshments which were kindly furnished as formerly.

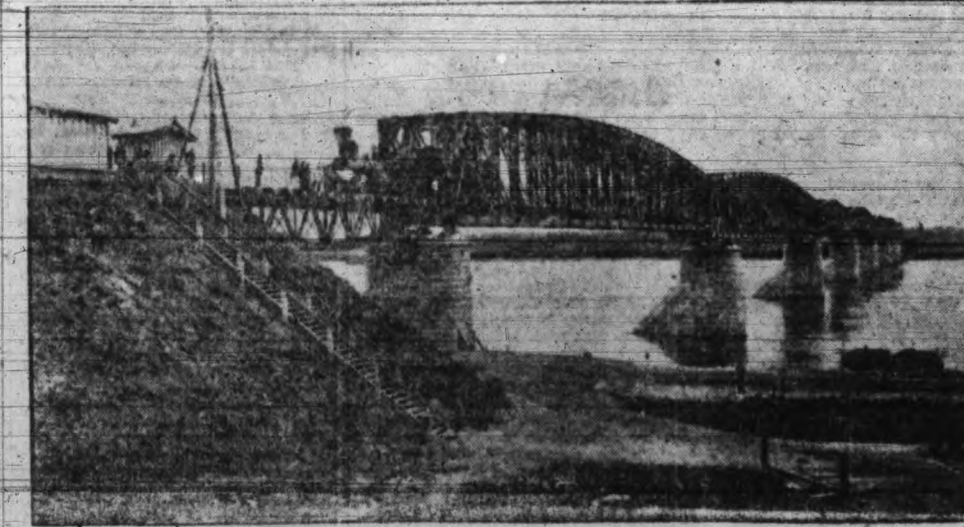
The gentleman who acted as spokesman when we first set foot in Nikolski did not make an appearance the next morning, and after remonstrating with the officer in charge in regard to the promise made us the night previous concerning our daily allowance, without avail, we were bundled into the train which had been made up during our coming and once more we were about to be whirled homewards. This day, the second of June, we received our first instalment of money from the Russian government, in coopeks

found a resting place and were indeed made glad. As mentioned before, everything was in a state of confusion in this promising young city, which accounted for the slowness displayed in dealing with us. From a Jewish gentleman who acted as English interpreter we learned that the Japanese were supposed to have outposts at that time only twenty miles distant from Kharbin and our little comforts were overlooked from the fact of their probably having something serious happening to occupy their attention. At 2 p.m. we found food and shelter for the night. And the kind hearted steward of the officers' club room, whose house we had the pleasure of occupying did all in his power to make us comfortable. He was only an under servant, but in the absence of higher ones little favors which were extended by him were not soon to be forgotten. In after times we often mentioned that man's name. Had Russia been such men as he times would be better in that country. Our travelling guard being relieved

was quite a large vessel with four funnels. Just before striking tunnel No. 1 is located the largest village of which the section can boast of, the population not exceeding four thousand. After spending all day and part of the night of June 14th, we bade good-bye to the guard whose duty ended when Irkutsk had been reached; they proved to be fine men all through; one way of accounting for their friendliness would be the absence of an officer higher than a sergeant's rank. The only portion of the road traversed that we were not accompanied by a captain or lieutenant owing to the scarcity of leaders of men at Kharbin.

All along the route of that creditable railroad (with the exception of the larger cities passed through) striking log stations and adjoining buildings would meet the eye. At Chita we made the acquaintance of a locomotive engineer who had spent five years in Philadelphia, and although drawing a large salary from the Trans-Siberian management seemed willing to again

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GULOTSKI BRIDGE—TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY.

each, about 37½ cents, with which we were to furnish for ourselves the necessary daily food.

Considering the conditions under which we were journeying, the trip from Nikolski to Kharbin was made without our experiencing any real discomfort. Upon arrival at the latter place, which occupied about five days' railroading from our starting point, we underwent many hum-drum moments owing to the crowded state of things generally in that city of confusion. On the outskirts miles of barracks had been erected to house the thousands of soldiers who were daily arriving to look after their country's interests in Manchuria. It seemed a difficult task to find even temporary quarters for

at this place, we again took passage for home, as was presumed. Travelling through rich farming lands, which in general were being cruelly worked, we arrived at the city of Mandjur, on the boundary line of Manchuria and Siberia, and after a short stay over further continued our tiresome travelling toward the city of Irkutsk. This place is situated on the Irkut river, which empties into Lake Baikal; a very noticeable feature were the churches to be seen from our car window. I counted thirteen gilt topped domes towering high above the other buildings. I also saw a man being arrested for misconduct, superintended by an over sufficiency of vodka, the much sought after beverage of the working

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vied, the place of detention for all Japanese prisoners during the war. We spent one night at this terminus and the next morning, after having a shave and hair cut, which cost one rouble each (ordinarily twenty coopek), we again boarded the train for Medved, via Moscow, under a new guard, the officer of which proved the most overbearing of any it was our fortune to be associated with during our sojourn. By this time we had learned a few words of the Russian language and could easily comprehend the meaning of remarks made on different occasions by the officer whose duty it was to deliver us safely at Leningrad. He did not hesitate to denounce the British but had a favorable word for the Japanese (good reason for it).

Having arrived at Moscow and knowing ere this that our dream of home was not to materialize, we made the best of it, and were not sorry, under the conditions, to denounce the British but had a favorable word for the Japanese (good reason for it).

GEORGIEUS REX KING OF SMILES

Neil Munro Thus Apostrophizes the Only George Ham.

Mr. Geo. Ham, an ex-alderman, of twenty years ago, has just captured the hearts of the people of Greenock, in Scotland. So says the Greenock Telegraph and Clyde Shipping Gazette. The paper alludes to him as Captain Ham, of the Canadian Pacific railway.

On the very day of his arrival in Greenock, George was taken to a banquet where a presentation was made to Mr. George Wallace, in the presence of members of parliament, distinguished military officers and others. The paper notes a speech by George, at this gathering, which it deems as a "racy, crisp speech, which kept the company in the best of humor." The speech itself is headed "How Laughter Came to Canada," and thus proceeds: "Mr. George H. Ham, whose genesis and gifts are celebrated in verses given below, is a Canadian. He is a Greenock as a stranger, but we dare swear there are to-day more than a hundred citizens who feel they know him, and would be glad to see his merry face again. By a fortunate chance Mr. Ham was brought by Capt. D. McPherson, commodore of the Greenock Yacht Club, and Mr. Neil Munro, to the meeting held to give the send-off to Mr. George Wallace. When it became known that Mr. Ham was a Canadian, and one with an unrivalled knowledge of the country, and when it was remembered that the guest of the evening was shortly to go to the Land of the Maple, the provost, by a happy inspiration, called on Mr. Ham (they had dropped the "captain" by this time), to say a few words of heartening to the new colonist. To speak and to be humorous seem to be the same thing to Mr. Ham, for even common places took on a new air, so quaintly were they clothed. The large audience chuckled their ribs loose, and so alluring were some of the delights of Canadian life painted that Mr. Ham, as he looks out on the morning of St. Andrew's Day in his Montreal house, may find a crowd with a Greenock accent, thirty but expectant, waiting to be given the day of their lives, as per promise. When Mr. Neil Munro and a party of journalists from this side went over two years ago on the invitation of the Canadian government, to examine into the conditions and prospects of the country, lucky for them they were given over into the charge of Mr. George Ham, who acted as guide, friend and the hundred other things."

Mr. Neil Munro's verses as read on George Ham are as follows: The Lord one day in a happy mood Made Canada—mountain, plain and wood, The sounding cataract and the lake, On whose blue borders the poplars shade "Tis good," said the Lord, and took His rest.

But soon in His wilderness felt oppress'd, Bled He the wood, then with bird and beast, With thunder of hooves He filled the west, Set the Red Man forth in a generous trail, "Be glad," He commanded, without avail, For the Indian, sulking in a drear surmise, And something was wanting in God's eyes.

At a breath the buffalo ceased to be, The fire died down in the brave's tepee, While men ploughed over the sterile flowers, Smiling not even in leisure hours, For their minds were on foolish futilities set, And God saw something was wanting yet.

Long thought the Lord, and one bright day He made Him a man of His split and clay, And set him forth in the sun to dry, In a place where waters went rippling by, Said the Lord: "Be laughter wherever you are, Stand forth, George Ham, of the C. P. R."

So wherever the C. P. R. lines run, From Montreal to the setting sun, If there be folk who are tired and sad, They will welcome George, the perennial lad.

Georgieus Rex—True King of Smiles, Who carries laughter ten thousand miles, Neil Munro.

The Mr. George Wallace who is referred to is a brother of Mr. J. S. Wallace, manager of the Imperial Life Assurance Company, of Winnipeg, and will shortly be a resident of Winnipeg.

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London, Dec. 16.—When one has escaped the dangers of collision and similar catastrophes incident to a long railway journey, it is rather hard lines, on reaching one's destination, to have the station roof fall in. Yet an accident of this extraordinary nature happened at Charing Cross station one afternoon, this week. The iron girders supporting the huge glass roof gave way and down it came with a terrific crash on the heads of those unfortunate enough to be on the platform underneath. Perhaps the most surprising thing in connection with this accident is the fact that in a crowded and busy station like Charing Cross, only six people were killed and about twenty injured. A question has now arisen as to whether other London stations with roofs constructed in a similar plan are quite safe, and it is argued that if Charing Cross came to grief after only 50 years, others must be badly in want of supervision. A great amount of damage has been done to the station itself and the Avenue theatre, which was in course of re-construction, has been completely wrecked, so completely in fact that repairs are impossible and the entire edifice will have to be rebuilt. Widespread sympathy is felt with Mr. Cyril Maude, who was reconstructing the theatre at a cost of £200,000, and was to have re-opened it in January. It is a curious fact that the Avenue theatre, his home, was looked upon as unlucky, and in theatrical circles it was considered a rash experiment on the part of Mr. Maude to associate himself with it. The "profession" has always been, oddly superstitious, and this disaster will tend to confirm actors in the belief that luck is the dominant feature in life.

The Victorious Blacks.

It was without much hope of success that the English team took the field at the Crystal Palace against the New Zealand footballers, that they were hopelessly beaten need hardly be chronicled in face of the record of the "All Blacks," since their arrival in this country. Any remaining hope that is left now rests on the efficiency of the Welsh team, which is soon to enter the field against them, but the hope is almost a forlorn one. Apart from their triumphs in the football field the New Zealanders are having an all-round good time. They have carte blanche to all places of entertainment in London, since the announcement of their attendance is the signal for a record in box office receipts to the management. This week they visited the cattle show at the Agricultural hall, and on the same day the King happened to be there and evinced a desire to see this famous team. "I hear that you have been beating poor old England," said the King to them. He asked for the captain and shook hands with him, congratulating the team on their successes and wishing them a pleasant ending to their tour. The New Zealanders were delighted with His Majesty's courtesy and cheered him lustily as he left the show.

Publishers' Rights.

A case of much interest to literary men, and, indeed, generally, has just been decided in the English courts. It related to the action brought by the publishers, Messrs. Smith, Elder & Co., against Messrs. Dent & Co., publishers also. The plaintiffs had bought the right of publishing certain letters of Charles Lamb from the possessor of the actual documents and the defendants had bought it from Charles Lamb's legal representatives. The judge decided in favor of Messrs. Smith, Elder & Co. The fact says: "The copyright of every book (which word includes letters) which shall be published after the death of its author shall be the property of the proprietor of the author's manuscript." Mr. Justice Kekewich took the words

in their plain, natural sense, and decided accordingly that after the death of a letter is dead, the right of publishing it passes to the possessor of the actual document. This is a decision which may have some surprising results, and the moral seems to be that nobody who is ever likely to reach the giddy heights of fame should write a letter which all the world is not at liberty to see.

Bridge.

The craze for bridge is still at fever heat in England and does not seem to abate in the least. Theatre managers blame it for the depression in the theatrical world, finding—particularly in provincial towns—that it is almost impossible to fill their theatres in the evenings, while the matinees command overflowing audiences. In most country houses the entire evening is now devoted to bridge, and there is little else talked about. What is now almost forgotten, billiard rooms are empty, plus-piano is never mentioned and even hunting, hockey, steeple-chasing, all go under to bridge. And now that Christmas is almost upon us, teachers of this fascinating game are hard set to cope with the overwhelming rush of pupils anxious to perfect themselves in the only game. They realize that not to know how to play bridge is to argue themselves hopelessly dull and uninteresting, and the want of knowledge of it will really interfere with the enjoyment of a country house visit nowadays, for it is the only and only game considered necessary by hostesses to fill up the social gap between dinner and bedtime.

Light as an Anaesthetic.

Interesting experiments are being made by Dr. Harvey Hilliard, anaesthetist to the Royal Dental Hospital of London, with the object of proving the power of light as an anaesthetic. He maintains that a blue light has a distinctly calming influence; a desire to close the eyes and sleep is experienced, and after some minutes sensibility to pain is lessened. I believe the presence of a blue lamp suitably placed might give satisfactory results in the treatment of insomnia owing to its calming influence, and I have tried it with some success. Similarly in the restlessness of infants suffering from mild illnesses, and in asylums in cases of mania, it is conceivable that blue light rays might be of value. This view is supported by the fact that red light has been found to have a beneficial effect upon smallpox as it is inimical to the vitality of the germ of that disease. Dr. Hilliard also gives instances of the utility of the blue rays in the case of the extraction of teeth. One man said that under its influence he felt no pain. Most of us, however, would hardly be inclined to trust to its efficiency in this respect.

Race Suicide.

Many and varied are the reasons given for the declining birthrate, but it takes the far-seeing American woman to discern the fact that women's clubs are a lamentable factor in this problem and "economic race suicide." Supporting her charge with statistics, this accuser says that of every sixteen wives who join women's clubs, only one becomes a mother afterwards. There is something to be said for this accusation of the American woman, for it must be acknowledged that "club women" in domestic affairs or consider them so important as women who devote themselves exclusively to their homes. But the fact remains, all the same, that plenty of women who have never been inside a club, shrink from the blessings of motherhood. Apart from this question altogether, there is a good deal to be said against club life for women in the greater freedom they must necessarily lose their femininity and clubs have to answer to a great extent for the creation of the "smart set." Only this week we hear of a printed notice in a popular London woman's club to the effect that smoking is to be more restricted and is forbidden in the dining room until after 10.30. It sounds all very smart and up-to-date, but decidedly unwomanly.

To Learn English.

The simple words "made in Germany" imply a good deal, when as we traverse the great metropolis of the metropolis they meet our eye on every side. That the Germans are an enterprising race we must admit, and we now hear of a further example of this fact. So keen is their desire to "make the foreigner feel at home" when he visits Germany that the railway companies are compelling their staffs to learn French and English. Therefore, station guards, ticket collectors, booking clerks, and porters will during the winter months with the foreign languages in special classes at Nuremberg and Munich. The methods of teaching will be purely oral—that is, the aspiring porter will be first shown the object and then told its name. One anticipates curious results in the formation of sentences. Scholarships are to be given to the men who make most progress, and the successful student will be sent, at the state's expense, for a holiday to England to complete his studies. England might be well advised to follow Germany's lead in this respect, although she can always make the self-satisfied reply that no matter where an Englishman travels he can use his own language and has no need of any other.

Xmas Stocks.

A study of the stocks in the Christmas shop windows reveals the up-to-date spirit in which the needs of the modern child are catered for. If you ask for a khaki-clad soldier you are met with a negative reply, but have the choice of any football team in the kingdom, complete with goal posts, all arranged in the proper colors. If you ask for ping-pong you are offered the same named "kick" which is followed by each member of the party holding a tin "oar" with movable limbs, with whose aid a ping-pong ball is engineered up and down the tables into goal. The suggestion that the latest thing in rocking horses is required is met with a withering stare and an invitation to inspect a room full of forty or fifty varieties of motor cars, from sixpence to so many guineas is the result. And on asking for the latest style of doll, motor ladies complete with goggles and veil and clad in shaggy furs, beneath which a race car and a ball gown is hidden, were revealed.

British Columbia Fruit.

British Columbia is the most recent aspirant for the fruit markets of London, and its possibilities for fruit growing is one of the features of the show of colonial fruit on view at the Horticultural hall. Last year's exhibition revealed the capabilities of our colonies for fruit growing and the result has been to establish a trade in many of the products then brought to the notice of fruit consumers in this country. This year's show, we should imagine, would prove even more effective in extending this ever-increasing trade considering the exceptionally fine specimens displayed. Fruit eating is every day on the increase in England and we have largely to thank the fruit growing colonies for this much desired change, since it is due to the excellent quality and cheapness of the fruit imports. The Royal Horticultural Society, under whose auspices this year's display is held, are also the pioneers of the home fruit industry, but they have labored for nearly twenty years to foster it in the colonies, and are now showing how well the colonies can supply home deficiencies.

and it is well known that if a person survives the effect of a poisonous dose of opium for twelve hours that the chance of recovery is almost certain. Dr. Fraser would have the corner's jury believe that this was an extremely dangerous medicine, that the dose given in the directions would be certain to prove fatal, and if that were true about ten per cent. of the population of the United States would be in their graves.

There is not enough opium in three drops of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy to produce any injurious effect on a child of that age. As conspicuous evidence in the directions for use, there is 1-2 grain of opium in each teaspoonful. One teaspoonful of the remedy; that is, one fluid dram, contains 190 drops. This statement can be verified by anyone who cares to get a medicine dropper and try it, so that in these drops the child would receive 1-125 part of a grain, while 1-60 of a grain would not be an overdose for a child of that age.

For more than a third of a century Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has been in use, and for many years the sale of it in the United States has exceeded one million bottles annually. It is largely used for bowel complaints in children, particularly during the summer months, and during all this time this is the only case that has ever come to my notice in which it has been claimed to have injured a child, and in this case it is unjustly blamed as a plainly shown by the father's testimony. On the other hand, I confidently believe that the lives of more children have been saved by this remedy than by any other preparation in use. In 1879 there was an epidemic of dysentery at Center Point, Iowa, children from two to four years of age were the principal sufferers. During this epidemic there was over twenty deaths from that disease, but not a single death in any case in which this remedy was used, and Mr. George B. Dundy, the leading druggist of the town, sold 105 bottles of this remedy during the epidemic. He is still in business there and will corroborate this statement.

In 1883 there was an epidemic of dysentery in Pope and Johnson county, Iowa, where 175 children were buried in one day of children treated by physicians. During this epidemic over four hundred bottles of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was sold, half of it by the firm of Walter Bros., of Waterloo, Iowa. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is sold in every drug store, and state that to the best of their knowledge every case in which this remedy was used, recovered. There is not a physician in this county that can show a better record than this preparation after more than thirty years sale and use.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan have my sincere sympathies in the loss of their child, but I can assure them that according to his testimony it was not caused by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, but by a disease the symptoms of which are somewhat similar to those of opium poisoning.

When these facts are fully considered we do not see how any reasonable person can reach the conclusion that our remedy was in any way the cause of the child's death.

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Des Moines, Iowa.

DEATH ROLL ON ALPINE PEAK.

During Ten Months 172 Climbers Lost Their Lives.

A prominent member of the Swiss Alpine Club, who annually publishes statistics on the Alps, says that during the first ten months of this year 172 climbers lost their lives in the Alps, and the numbers injured slightly surpass this total.

Among the hapless victims there were only eight well-known climbers, and only one-fourth of the mishaps occurred in the highest and most dangerous mountains.

The loss of life was greatest among the Swiss themselves, who are followed in order by the Germans, French, Austrians, Italians and English.

Five Englishmen and one Englishwoman were killed in the Swiss Alps this year.

It is estimated that at least 150,000 miles were traveled in the Alps every season, and putting the total accidents at 180, this would give the low percentage of 0.12 accidents.

The number of mishaps due to unavoidable causes, such as falling stones, is only 10 per cent, and the remainder to foolishness or want of experience.

CANADIAN COMMANDER.

R. D. Buckham, of Windsor, Ont., is Admiral in the Turkish Navy.

R. D. Buckham, who is now the commanding admiral of the Turkish navy, a Canadian by birth, is well known in this city, says a Windsor dispatch. He ran away from home when a boy and sailed the last time he was adopted and educated by Capt. Elliott, now residing in Romeo, Michigan. Later he became one of the most trusted employees of the big Cramp shipyards, Philadelphia. When the Turkish government bought a man-of-war from the Cramp yards, Buckham was selected to sail it. On arriving at Constantinople he was offered a commission in the Turkish navy and quickly rose to his present position.

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BERLIN SAUSAGES.

Startling Evidence as to Their Composition—Material Not Expensive.

As the result of the trial of a number of provision merchants of Berlin on the charges of adulteration an almost incredible state of affairs has been revealed. A leading member of this fraternity of provision merchants named Perchik is a man in a very large way of business. His chief enterprise was sausage making, and his codefendants aided and abetted him. After the revelations of the trial the Berlin sausage is no longer a mystery. Witnesses stated that fat of all sorts in an advanced state of decomposition, scraps of refuse of all kinds of flesh, rancid butter, oleomargarine and various other obnoxious ingredients were promiscuously cast into seething caldrons for the manufacture of "the finest Berlin sausage."

When the caldrons were emptied it was testified that six inches of sediment remained, mostly solid and fifth.

Perchik used chemicals extensively to arrest putrefaction after it had set in, and when customers returned tainted sausages a little chemical treatment soon made them all right again.

Defendants were large exporters of sausages to America, as well as to various German towns. Their best customers, however, seem to have been the military authorities, who purchased extensively for the garrisons in Thora, Graudenz, Pozar, Spandau, etc. Witnesses also stated that Perchik bought at least \$1,000 worth of horse flesh sausage every month. These were either made over as a prime beef sausage, or else were mixed in with rotten pork, dead dogs, etc., as a special delicacy.

In a remarkable pronouncement just issued by the vicar of Pemberton, Wigan, he claims that the Lord's Prayer is Socialistic.

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An Open Letter to the People of Canada

On December 12th a press report was sent out from Victoria stating that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was held responsible for the death of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. William Duncan at one of our inquests. Doctors gave evidence that the child had died of opium poisoning. The coroner's evidence was given that fifteen drops of the mixture was absolutely fatal.

The evidence before the coroner's jury was published in full in the Victoria Colonist. It shows quite clearly that the child did not die of opium poisoning, that the child had the same symptoms before any medicine was administered as when the doctor was called and found it suffering from what he called opium poisoning.

The statements that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is dangerous to infants is not true. Not only that, but we believe that it has been the means of saving the lives of more children than any other medicine in use.

The following words appear very plainly on the label, "Be sure and read the directions wrapped around each bottle." These directions under the heading, "For children under two years of age," are as follows:

Either, so tiny amount of the remedy—few drops of sweetened water or two teaspoonfuls in operation of the

natural. For infants old never give a spoonful of the dose."

One year old would take the 1-6 part of a

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than thirty-three years' experience in the sale and use of the remedy.

The following is a review of the father's testimony before the coroner's jury, and will certainly satisfy any unprejudiced person that this remedy had nothing whatever to do with the cause of the child's death:

Review of Testimony.

A careful reading of the testimony before the coroner's jury in the case of the death of the child of William Duncan of Victoria shows that Dr. Fraser was called, found the child suffering from symptoms somewhat similar to that of opium poisoning, found that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy which had been given contained opium, and jumped at the conclusion that the child was suffering from opium poisoning, which was a mistake as it had precisely the same symptoms before the medicine was given.

The testimony of William Duncan, the child's father, was as follows:

"The first thing unusual his mother and I noticed was on Saturday when the child, slept heavily all day, so much so that his mother aroused him towards evening."

Here you have the symptoms of an overdose of opium before any medicine whatever had been administered.

Mr. Duncan further testified: "At about eight o'clock p.m. (the child) became irritable." That, too, is a symptom of opium poisoning, and before the medicine had been administered.

Continuing his testimony, Mr. Duncan says: "About midnight on Saturday night, or early Sunday morning I poured out, to the best of my knowl-

edge, about three drops of Chamberlain's Colic Remedy and gave it to the child. The medicine seemed to have no effect at all on the child, but at 8 o'clock Sunday morning it slept apparently easy for several hours."

It will be observed that it was twelve hours after the medicine was administered before any symptoms appeared that could be attributed to the remedy. During this twelve hours there was natural sleep for several hours and no nervous irritation, while if a poisonous dose of opium had been administered the effect of the opium would have been apparent within thirty minutes, and the most serious consequences occurred before the end of twelve hours. Medicine that was so slow as that in taking effect would be worse than useless in a case of colic or cholera morbus, for which this remedy is especially intended.

Mr. Duncan further stated: "That at twelve o'clock noon on Sunday the child was fretful as it was on Saturday night."

This was twelve hours after the opium was administered, and by the end of that time, had the child lived, all effect of opium poisoning would, as a rule, have disappeared. It will be further noticed that this nervous irritation was the same as occurred before the child had been given any medicine whatever.

Mr. Duncan also testified: That the child had a bad turn about three o'clock and revived at about seven o'clock. If the child had been suffering from a fatal dose of opium it would not have rallied.

It will be noted that the child died at 11 o'clock, twenty-three hours after the medicine had been administered,

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE INSIDE OF SOME HISTORY.
The International Sunday school lesson for December 31st is, "Quarterly Review," the Golden Text is, "How cometh the Year with Goodness," Ps. lxxv, 11.

By William T. Ellis.

Everybody needs to study history to get perspective. Only by taking a wide view of the course of events may one perceive the dramatic character of the march of human progress. For three thousand years the human race has been studying a period covering two hundred years of ancient Jewish history. The story has been one of absorbing interest, full of vicissitudes, abounding in heroes and in shining events.

The study began with young King Belshazzar, the voluptuary, upon the brilliant throne of Babylon, the greatest monarch of the then known world. It ends with a vision of another King to come, whose kingdom's power is to be everlasting and to span the ages. The story is the story of a glorious, magnificent, self-sacrificing, Oriental Kingdom to a spiritual kingdom that would seek first the good of all nations is a gradual but inevitable one. So the race moves onward. By starts and spurts and dreary marches, it proceeds toward the great goal of human progress.

A Man Who Dared.

Of all the heroes of the three months' study, perhaps the most attractive is Daniel, who first appeared upon the scene as a young man, and later was found in age to be still the same resolute, self-sacrificing, world-symphony clarifier. He represents the best type of the young man away from home in a big city, with the courage and the wisdom to adhere faithfully to the ideals of his childhood. Thus it came to pass that he should, before kings. Not one of the virtuous companions of his youth, not one of his hired wise men could interpret to Belshazzar the dream handwriting upon the wall. That was left for the astute, clear-headed young Hebrew, whose years of walking apart with God had made him a man of vision. So, as the dream was Daniel's courage that he did not even hesitate the dire message of doom which he read in the handwriting upon the wall.

Such a man as Daniel could not help having enemies; enemies are the price which all strong men receive for service. Happy they, who, like Daniel, can be severed aside from the course of hostility by fear of what men may say or do. So sure was Daniel's fidelity to his God that through it the plotters trapped him into an apparent defiance of the king's orders; that none save himself should be worshipped; and Daniel was thrown into the lion's den. But he whose mind is stayed upon Jehovah is kept in perfect peace, even amid a den of poisonous, dangerous wild beasts. There was no sweeter sleep enjoyed in the great city that night than came to Daniel as he lay with his head pillowed upon a lion's shaggy mane. The man whose sleepless sleep belonged to his enemies and to the Babylon King, Daniel was preserved, the morning of the lion's den was shut and the event happened to the greater honor of Daniel and to the glory of his Lord.

Exiles on Pilgrimage.

God, who "moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform," put it into the heart of the great King Cyrus to permit such of the Jews as desired to go back to their native home, the city of David. Not only did he give permission to his Jewish subjects to make this return journey, but Cyrus also dowered them richly with treasures of the temple and with means for the journey.

Arrived in Jerusalem, the returned exiles began, with tears and shouts of rejoicing, to rebuild the Temple that had been overthrown. Led by Zerubbabel they restored the ancient glory of Israel and began the new life at Jerusalem, which continued with many ups and downs, until the destruction by the Roman Titus. Enemies there were and many obstacles, but there were dauntless hearts in the company, and the sacred work proceeded.

The Secret of Power.

Every hard time has its prophet, and this work of rebuilding which Zerubbabel had entered upon was sustained by the preaching of Zechariah, whose eight visions, difficult for the Occidental mind to understand, yet had its burden the encouragement of the building. The point of them all was contained in the interpretation of one, with its vital lesson for all Christian work: "Not by might nor by power, but by My spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." It is a deeper truth than men are sometimes willing to believe, that "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." The one vital factor in any great enterprise, as in any life, is simply God. There was danger that these Jews would do God's work without having God Himself as the inspiration and help of their service.

A Woman's Part.

Only one woman appears in this study of two hundred years of history, but she was a queen in conduct as well as in estate. Her name was the power of Esther, so timely her heroism, that the Jewish people to this day celebrate the

deliverance which she effected. Urged on by her uncle, Mordecai, when the Jews were threatened with extermination by the machinations of Haman, an enemy, she ventured, unrequested, into the King's presence, radiant in her beauty, having made the high resolve, "If I perish, I perish."

Her woman's tact and woman's beauty was the day over political audacity and courage, and her people were saved. Not in all respects is Esther a model for modern girls, but in her tactful use of all the agencies within her power, and in her splendid determination to sacrifice herself for her people she is an immortal example of how a woman may away destiny.

Two Patriot Refugees.

Ezra and Nehemiah loom large in this story as disciplining personalities with a kindred aim. Ezra, the priestly man of books, zealous of the law, led a return back to Jerusalem, and with flaming spirit and dauntless zeal he inaugurated a work of cleansing and rebuilding. His splendid initiative was equalled by his humility, ever ready to take a second place when there was some one else for first place. Well is it for every public work when it is served by men of the calibre and character of Ezra and Nehemiah.

The latter was enjoying life in a palace when he heard of the pitiable lot of his fellow Jews at Jerusalem. He besought the King to let him return to his own land. His prayer was wonderfully answered, and with authority and an armed force, he was sent back to Jerusalem, where he placed all the rare abilities of a leading man of affairs at the disposal of the great work of rebuilding the walls and defining of the enemies. Nehemiah stands for system, tact, organization and courage in church work. He is typical of the best class of reformers.

When Sorrow Turned to Song.

The foundation of all enduring reform is eternal principles. So it was a great day for the returned exiles when they gathered in the broad square outside the water gate to hear the reading of the law. Smitten to the heart by the revelation of their misdoings and shortcomings which the inspired word gave them, they wept and wept until Ezra bade them remember that the occasion was one for rejoicing and feasting, and for sending out portions of the sacred law. However having the word may be, it is a great day for any man when he comes to know the truth. Once the law was given its proper place in the life of the Jews they set about observing their national ordinances. Of a nation of individuals, the Jewish people's words hold true, "Where withal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Thy word."

The Great Event.

All the tumultuous years of this period of Jewish history looked forward to one supreme event in the future, upon which the hope of the people was fixed. Some of the prophets saw that great day clearly and some only dimly. All had it for the supreme goal of their sufferings and labors. That great day was the coming of the Messiah, whose advent makes Christmas. Back in the old Scriptures of the days of Judah's trial we see drawn with marvellous clearness the portrait of the Child who was born in Bethlehem and who was to be "Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace." The climax of Judah's dark days was that clear night when the star poured its shining shafts down upon a humble inn in David's town of Bethlehem.

The new course of lessons which begins next Sunday will be devoted to the life of great David's "greater Son."

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY TOPICS

LOOKING BACKWARDS.

Terse comments upon the uniform prayer meeting topic of the Young People's Societies—Christian Endeavor, Baptist Young People's Union, Epworth League, etc.—for December 31st, "Looking Backwards. What Have I Learned This Year?" Deut. viii, 2-3.

By William T. Ellis.

The present is the sum of all the past.

The only criterion by which to-morrow may be tested is yesterday. Experience, by which name we know what has gone before, is called a teacher; that is its business in life. The instruction of the past is the only safe guide for future. That is not the happiest nation which has no history, the proverb to the contrary notwithstanding; the happiest nation is the one that is truest to the teachings of its past, and quickest to learn those lessons.

The surest foundation for faith is to remember all the way which Jehovah thy God hath led thee. What God has done is best warrant of what God will do.

That is the greatest year of a person's life in which he has learned the most.

The year 1905 has taught the world great and useful lessons. It has been a year of achievement. It has been a year that has been learned from Russia's revolution, Japan's victory, the crash of gigantic financial structures, the disgrace of many famous magnates in the business world, the political vicissitudes of the plain people—simply the old, old lesson which Moses taught the people of Israel, and which Jesus hurled into the tempter's teeth, "Man doth not live by bread alone." The materialistic ideas of

Then tell him about Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Tell him how it cured your hard cough. Tell him why you always keep it on hand. Tell him to ask his doctor about it. Doctors use it a great deal for all forms of throat and lung troubles. We have no equal. We put it in C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

the past decade have received a terrific shock within a twelvemonth. The higher law has asserted its supremacy. The old-fashioned ideas of the fathers have come again to the fore as eternally pre-eminent and binding. The changeless verities are once more recognized as regnant. The world is readier than for years past to hear that the things of the spirit are, after all, the real things.

"Beneath the moonlight and the snow,
Lies dead my latest year;
The winter winds are wailing low
Its dirges in mine ear.
I grieve not with the moaning wind,
As though I had been left behind,
God is, and all is well."

—Whittier.

Every old year may help to make a new life.

Turning from the past to the future, the wisest person does well who commences the year 1906 with the truth which lies in the first words of the Bible, "In the beginning God." He who gives first place to Jehovah will find everything else falling into orderly place, proportion and harmony. The reason so many lives are dispirited, ill-balanced and tuneless is simply that they have left God out. For He who made us and governs us is Himself the one really essential factor in our living.

Only a new purpose can make a new year. Resolutions lie behind all revolutions.

"The eyes which look back upon the passing years and forward into the one just opening should be steadfast, confident eyes. If experience has taught the Christian anything it has surely taught him that God may be depended upon. He has never yet failed His own. 'Who they trust Him wholly, find Him wholly true.' The message from God's book for the new year is 'Fear not.'"

There are some days in the irrevocable year—though, thank God, it is not an irrevocable year—which we would gladly blot out. They were the days of the soul's defeat, of miserable failure, of witting sin, of black hatred or injustice, the days when the lower self held the reins over the higher. All the bitter tears of penitence will not wipe out these days, yet they may go into the making of new and beautiful days. For the glory of every kind of past is that it may be employed for the creation of a shining future.

"Speak a shade more kindly than the year before,
Pray a little oftener, love a little more."

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NEWS AND NOTES

The Naval Young Men's Christian Association is making preparations to entertain the sailors of the navies of the world which will centre at Jamestown, Va., in 1907.

Signatures of more than two million women to a petition for the unseating of Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah, has been presented to Congress.

Democratic Governor-elect Patton, of Ohio, and his wife, are strict Methodists and will permit no dancing at the inaugural reception in Columbus. Nothing of an alcoholic nature will be furnished for the guests to drink.

An American Y. M. C. A. secretary has been sent to Peking, China, where he has brought back with him an international army association the Legation guards from eight different countries stationed there.

Canadian Presbyterians have lost their most important executive officer by the death of Rev. Dr. Robert H. Warden, who held a number of important offices.

The church of Rev. F. B. Meyer, in London, has undertaken the maintenance of a coffee house in a section of the city where public houses abound. This is of a part with a widespread movement in Great Britain, headed by such men as Mr. Meyer and Dr. Robertson Nicoll, looking toward the closer application of Christianity to the social life of the people.

A novel organization has recently been effected in New York City called "The Foreign Missionary Industrial Association." Its purpose is to assist to self-support those natives in foreign mission countries who by means of their acceptance of Christianity are cut off from ordinary means of livelihood. The association is neither denominational nor evangelistic.

There is building upon the Clyde a new missionary ship, costing twenty-four thousand dollars, for the Southern Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. When completed and fitted out, it will be taken apart and shipped by freight to the mouth of the Congo, upon which river it is to ply between the mission stations of the board.

The most unusual method on record of printing a portion of the Bible was recently adopted by a New York church—the Westchester Congregational—which issued Paul's epistle to the Philippians in the form of a printed news letter, with lead lines and divisions like those of a modern daily. There is a "personal" note about the author, St. Paul, and an editorial review of the letter. The whole forms the subject for a series of mid-week prayer meetings.

One of the earliest comments upon expanded life insurance companies is that of Rev. Dr. David J. Burrell, of New York, who in answer to President McCurdy's slur upon the clergy, suggests that the insurance companies employ low-salaried

clergymen to open the meetings of the directors with a reading of the Ten Commandments and a prayer.

Unitarians have instituted a novel denominational social feature. Every Wednesday afternoon a committee of ladies "receive" in the new reception room of the Unitarian building, in Boston, and local and visiting Unitarians are expected to make these social-gatherings a success.

SEVEN SENTENCE SERMONS

Though the past is irrevocable, it is not irreparable.—F. B. Meyer.

If religion has any reality, it is the most important thing with which human society can concern itself.—Christian Register.

Who accidentally pursues his goal
Despite what winds prevail,
Nor loses courage from his soul
Can never wholly fail.
—Sue M. Best.

Luxury and dissipation, soft and gentle as their approaches are, and blinding as they throw their siren charms about the heart, enslave it more than the most active and turbulent vices.—Hannah More.

The saddest sight in the world is not a grave of the dead, grievous as that might be, but it is a grave of the living—humanity repudiated while yet alive.—Frances B. Willard.

It is a comely fashion to be glad: Joy is the grace we say to God.—Jean Ingelow.

Whatever things are true, whatever things are honest, whatever things are pure, whatever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, or if there be any praise, think on these things.—Paul.

CITY CHURCHES

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

Services: Holy communion, 8 a. m.; morning service and ante-communion, 11 a. m.; evening service and carols, 7 p. m. Preacher at the morning service will be Canon Bealhouse. The music for the day follows:

Morning.
Voluntary—Allegretto. Organ. Guitmant.
Venite and Psalms—As Set. Charles.
Hymns—23 and 415.
Voluntary—Festival Postlude. Thayer.

Evening.
Voluntary—Memories. Stearns.
Psalm—113.
Antiphon—The Lamb Shall Lead Them.
Hymns—194 and 38.
Solo—Calvary. Rodney.

Voluntary—Grand Offertory. Read.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

Rev. Dr. Campbell will preach at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. In the morning he will be assisted by Rev. Mr. Miller, of Toronto. In the evening a sermon appropriate to the closing of the year will be preached. The usual Sunday school service will be held at the regular hour.

CENTENNIAL METHODIST.

The services on Sunday will be in charge of the pastor, S. J. Thompson. Services at 11 a. m., 7 p. m. and watch night service at 11:15 p. m. Sunday school and Bible class at 2:30. Music as follows:

Morning.
Antiphon—Hark! Hark! My Soul, Shelley.
Duet—Unto Thee, Oh God, E. B. Rogers.
Miss Kayton and Wm. Hicks.

VICTORIA WEST METHODIST.

Service at the usual hours, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. In the morning a local preacher will have charge of the service and preach. In the evening the pastor, R. J. McIntyre, will be the preacher. A sermon appropriate to the closing of the year will be delivered. Subject, "What is Your Life." Sunday school and Bible class in the afternoon at 2:30. Everybody welcome at all these services.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL.

Divine worship at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. The pastor, Rev. Hermon A. Carson, B. A., will preach at both services. Morning theme, "Paul's Speech at Athens," evening, "Julius Fuld Thanksgiving Service, The Living Future." Sabbath school and Bible classes at 1:30 p. m. Y. P. C. Society at 4:30 p. m. Special singing has been arranged for the evening service. Strangers and friends cordially welcomed.

CALVARY BAPTIST.

Rev. F. Tapscott, M. A., pastor. Morning subject, "Spiritual Stock-taking," evening, New Year's address. After meeting, New Year's resolutions. Sunday school and Bible class, 2:30 p. m. Y. P. C. Society at 4:30 p. m. Wednesday evening, Sunday school Christmas cantata. Strangers cordially welcomed. The musical portion follows:

Morning.
Solo—The Sands of Time Are Sinking. Gounod.
Antiphon—The Radiant Morn Hath Passed Away. Woodward.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST.

Rev. E. Le Roy Dakin, B. A., pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Bible school at 2:30. Subject of morning sermon is "A Good Find." In the evening there will be an "I Will" and consecration service, the subject of the pastor's address being "Man's Greatest Power." Strangers cordially welcomed.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Church of Christ (Christians, disciples). Services, Lord's day, 11 a. m. subject, "Growth and Reaping." Gal. vi, 7: 7 p. m. subject, "What Becomes of Us After

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Our continued stories have aroused such interest that we have decided to get control of the most popular books for use in our columns. Our success may be judged by a glance at the names of the novels which will run serially in the columns of the Times this winter. They are:

THE CRIMSON BLIND, by Fred. M. White.
THE SILENT PLACE, by Edward Stuart White.
THE HOUSE WITH THE GREEN SHUTTERS, by Geo. Douglas.
THE GENTLEMAN FROM INDIANA, by Booth Tarkington.
AN ENEMY TO THE KING, by Hagenbach Wyman.
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CHRISTADELPHIANS.

W. I. Warner will speak on Sunday night at 7 o'clock, subject, "Do We Go to Heaven When We Die?" A. O. U. W. buildings, hall 1, up-stairs. All welcome.

BURNSIDE MISSION.

Sunday school and Bible class at 2:30. Evening service at 7. Speaker, Mr. Croot.

Y. M. C. A.

"Impressions of China," an address by Geo. Carter, lately returned. Meeting at 4 o'clock. All men welcome.

UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD.

Universal Brotherhood and Theosophical Society, Centre No. 8, Int'l'n public meeting at 8 Broad street every Sunday evening at 3 o'clock, when short addresses are given and questions answered. Subjects for to-morrow: "The New Year," "Responsibility." Written questions are invited from the audience.

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SOME STATISTICS

FOR THIS YEAR

(Continued from page 4.)

This work is expected to be carried on all winter long, provided the weather does not interfere with it.

During the past year Johnson street was paved with blocks at a cost of about \$22,000.

The Rock Bay bridge, another civic work, is being pushed forward now. The contract price for the little bridge is \$7,000. Early in the new year the work is expected to be completed. At the present time it is about done.

On the James Bay flats the city did considerable filling earlier in the year. Awaiting the completion of the C. P. hotel that work has necessarily been suspended.

Fire Losses

The fire losses for the year were:

Month	Fires	Losses
January	6	\$15,200.00
February	12	2,350.00
March	12	17.50
April	8	70.00
May	12	10.00
June	10	502.50
July	12	1,725.00
August	16	45.00
September	4	20.00
October	4	2,000.00
November	4	308.00
December	10	308.00
Total	112	\$20,000.00

The Customs Returns.

There is no notable feature to the customs returns for the past twelve months. In the commencement of the year the revenue dropped very low, but gradually increased as the year passed away, until November and December, when substantial gains over the same months of last year were noticeable. The large exports at the beginning of the year are attributable in great measure to the removal of the naval dockyard equipment. Towards the end of the year it was due to the shipment of salmon and seal skins.

The December total in the appended table are estimated, having been given to the Times by special request last evening before the completion of the year.

EXPORTS IMPORTS

	Domestic	Foreign	Total
Jan.	\$3,949	\$14,500	\$18,449
Feb.	6,448	20,108	26,556
Mar.	5,880	20,108	26,556
Apr.	35,255	28,381	63,636
May	54,661	7,316	61,977
June	40,651	24,983	65,634
July	22,427	12,072	34,499
Aug.	47,715	17,589	65,304
Sept.	52,078	18,647	70,725
Oct.	100,802	8,800	109,602
Nov.	716,788	5,815	722,603
Dec.	125,560	10,600	136,160
Total	\$1,177,175	\$1,188,231	\$2,365,406

REVENUE

	Duty		
	Collected	Chinese	Other
Jan.	\$5,511.66	\$18.00	\$52.45
Feb.	45,353.85	15.00	77.10
Mar.	64,023.48	38.00	148.24
April	54,548.78	49.00	13.50
May	63,098.73	2.00	105.15
June	50,842.78	29.00	216.31
July	53,624.37	51.00	105.40
Aug.	78,871.91	32.00	105.40
Sept.	66,431.55	84.00	171.73
Oct.	53,580.77	294.00	48.45
Nov.	86,177.90	124.00	73.35
Dec.	58,000.00	65.00	69.00

Inland Revenue

There has been no material increase in the inland revenue over that of last year, due no doubt to the strike in Nanaimo and the depression in business in the Upper country. The strike referred to affected the collection probably to the extent of a few thousand dollars, while the general depression throughout the country was responsible for a still greater shortage. During the month of July and August collections were heavy by reason of the fact that the Yukon business was added to the returns. Purely local collections, however, have been quite up to those of previous years. The figures for the month of December in the appended tabulated statement are estimated.

	Metals	Other	Total
Jan.	\$108,800	\$1,000	\$109,800
Feb.	108,800	1,000	109,800
Mar.	108,800	1,000	109,800
Apr.	108,800	1,000	109,800
May	108,800	1,000	109,800
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Mineral Production

In mineral production the province is expected to show quite a material increase in the tonnage this year, and owing to the increased prices of the metals the values of the production will likely show quite a substantial increase.

The gold production this year will according to a conservative estimate, probably reach the value of \$4,500,000 in gold and \$1,100,000 in placer gold. In placer gold owing largely to the reduced production in Cariboo there has been a little falling off in values. Atlin, however, is expected to give an increase over last year, which was \$800,000. The total gold production last year was \$4,500,000. This year's

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yield will, therefore, be practically about the same.

The silver-lead production is likely to show considerable improvement over last year. It is quite possible that this year the production of silver will be close upon \$2,050,000, as compared with \$1,719,506 last year. In the lead production there will probably be a corresponding increase this year. Last year the output was \$4,218,741. This year it may reach \$4,500,000.

The copper output this year may possibly reach 400,000 pounds, which will be a marked improvement over last year, when it was 257,128 pounds. The increased price in this commodity over last season makes the returns very much greater. It is safe to say that the price of copper this year has been 2½ cents a pound in advance of the average last year. On a production of 400,000 pounds the gain to the province on this increased price alone will amount, therefore, to \$1,000,000.

The coal and coke production this year has not changed much from last season. At the Crow's Nest mines the output has been very close to that of the year 1904.

The cessation of work at Nanaimo for a good part of the year has reduced the output from the Vancouver Island mines. The "coke" production this year for the province will probably be 220,000 tons. Last year it was 238,425 tons. Last year's coke was valued at \$1,192,140. This year's value will correspondingly reach about \$1,350,000. The net coal product independent of that used for the manufacture of coal will likely reach 1,150,000 tons, valued at \$3,450,000. Last year's coal production for British Columbia was 1,253,628 tons, valued at \$3,760,884.

Zinc mining has not been playing a very important part in the province's production. The prospects as a result of the investigation carried on by the Dominion government this year are brighter for the future. This year there has probably been 15,000 tons of zinc ore mined, valued at perhaps \$720,000.

In building materials including quarried stone, cement and brick, there has been probably \$1,500,000 worth produced last year. \$600,000 worth of this division, so that there has been a marked increase. The establishment of the Vancouver-Portland Cement Company at Tod creek, and the increased use of brick accounts in large measure for this increase.

Land Sales

Throughout the province there has been during the past year marked signs of prosperity, which augurs well for the future. The commencement of the V. & E. railway, the Spencer's Bridge, the line, and other branches of the interior has tended to attract more attention to the districts affected and to develop them. The assurance that the Grand Trunk Pacific will come through northern British Columbia together with the prospects that the Canadian Northern and the C. P. R. will also build through that part of the province has had a marked effect in land sales in the north.

The provincial department of lands and works reports that there has during the year been a very large increase in the sales of land for agricultural and other purposes. This has not been confined to any particular section, but has been scattered quite largely over the whole province. In the interior there has been a lot of land taken up for fruit growing.

The demand for timber lands has been very marked, and throughout it is expected that the department will show very material increase in land and timber sales.

The members of Hazelton Union No. 3, United Mine Workers of America, have decided to present to Miss Alice Roosevelt as a wedding gift a carload of the best coal that can be found in the anthracite region, in appreciation of her father's services in ending the great strike in 1902.

Liquor and Tobacco Habits

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Green Room

There is certainly strong indication in the first announcements of the new management of the Victoria theatre, of a disposition to make the entertainment suit the times, and also to vary the dramatic bill-of-fare as to please all tastes. The season, the rejuvenated house, and the era of Mr. Ricketts' management open concurrently on Monday evening with the Melville B. Raymond production of "Buster Brown," the same big show holding the boards as a matinee Tuesday afternoon, and closing on Tuesday evening. Then the painters, decorators and electricians will again have undisturbed possession of the house until the Saturday, when Jules Murry will present for the last time the eminent Polish actress, Helena Modjeska, now touring America for the purpose of taking final farewell of her countless friends.

"Buster Brown" has been entitled a dramatization of the Outcast humorously drawn so familiar to everyone who reads the newspapers. The dramatization is rather misapplied. To be sure the antics, adventures and associations of the Buster of the pictures serve as the foundation upon which the "show" is built up—and many of the complications illustrated by Artist Outcast are reproduced in the stage production. But the staged "Buster Brown" is much more ambitious than the comic supplement "Buster." It introduces Buster himself, in the clever person of Master Arthur Rice. It brings before his thousands of friends the open-faced, good-natured, ever-ready character, a thing of part which calls for all the ingenuity of the same dumb animal actor who made his last Victoria hit as the diverting lion of the "Wizard of Oz." It introduces also the dozen-and-one relatives and friends and victims of vivacious Buster, and works out an effective comedy story, along acceptable lines. But there it does not stop. The foundation of the show would abundantly satisfy the little folks. But the

medium between howling farce and legitimate comedy, satire is the keener form of wit, and there is no writer for the stage to-day who can wield as happily satirical pen with Mr. Ade. "The College Widow" will be seen with all the strength of cast and equipment that made it such a decided New York and Chicago success at the Victoria theatre during mid-January.

With the advent of the new year an important change is announced in connection with the Grand theatre on Johnson street, the history of which house since its establishment by Manager Robert Jamieson has been a demonstration of the soundness of his belief that Victoria needed a strictly first-class family vaudeville theatre quite as much as San Francisco needs its Orpheum, Toronto its Shea's, or New York its Koster & Bial's or Proctor's Pleasure Palace. That the Grand theatre should stay has long passed the interrogation stage. The question has forced itself upon the management, however, on what standard shall it hereafter be maintained? Experience has shown that with the education of the public to a discriminating criticism of vaudeville performance, the standard of entertainment along their several lines, as all must be, comes an insistent demand for the higher standard of feature acts—which acts are necessarily expensive. At the family theatre prices that have heretofore prevailed in Victoria, there has been no money for the house management, or but a microscopic margin, in even the crowded attendances that have so often led the thoughts to remark that "Jamieson must be making money." It takes a great many dimes put together to make up the \$200, \$300, and \$500 a week which some of the big winners have been seen here commanded by their right of specialized talent. The mediocre programme, and there usually has been something of real quality

to redeem even the flattest week's card, have been witnessed by but infrequent and casual audiences, so that even while they have been less expensive to provide, financial results have been about on a parity with the weeks of big events—when the dimes have rolled in, but only to be swallowed up by the high salaries of the magnetic star-ventures. Those experienced in show-chose affairs have long been aware of the inevitable: that Mr. Jamieson would either have to fall in line with Vancouver (where prices were raised a year ago), and all the other points along the coast, ask a fair admission fee for a high quality show, or allow the Grand to deteriorate into a cheap variety house, to be avoided by the discriminating and no credit to the management or city. There will be no question that the right course has been followed in the adoption of the former

ground floor seats or 15 cents for the gallery, with general matinee prices of 10 cents, is not an increase of the ticket scale that will be felt very much by the pocketbook of the patron—while the difference to be looked for in the general receipts, is just the difference between a business operated at a fair running profit and a business fighting to break even—under the management of a theatre seeking for and presenting in constant feature acts, and the stricken-the-rat variety house, in which everything is stocky and passes down to and including the yellow-haired subreits. The whole explanation of the change is that the books of the theatre show a constant loss—a profit, with the prices of the past, unless the management is content to change a first-class and constantly improving vaudeville theatre into a variety showstop with all the name implies.

An indication of the quality that it is to come is afforded by the New Year's week bill, which is headed by one of the most famous couples travelling in "legitimate vaudeville." It is a paradoxical expression be permissible. These actors are Mr. and Mrs. Robyns, celebrated from ocean to ocean for their fine work in "The Counsel for the Defense," almost as much perhaps as that clear-played in and as a classic of intense heart interest. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer of a day or so ago said of this couple and their offering, "The Robyns' act is a gem. It is a melodrama in a nutshell, and yet it is full of the quaintest comedy lines. It has a story to tell and it is told brightly and prettily. It brings the laughter and it forces the tears." Aside from this headline feature, which will no doubt prove a magnet for Victorians as well as it has for drama followers of other cities, the bill for the incoming week includes the marvellous Russian ballet, a novel demonstration of feats of strength, quickness and neatness; the Jewet trio, three stinging and darning girls; and Kenton and Lorraine, in a big musical novelty act that is guaranteed as a bona fide novelty among the multitude of musical turns. The programme is rounded out with a full new animated picture show, and Miss Alice Wildermere in the illustrated song of "The Man in the Overcoat."

This week's programme will be brought to a close with three performances to-night, beginning at 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30.

Business has been exceptionally good at week at the Watson theatre. It started with a "standing room only" Christmas Day, when "Cinderella" received its first production. The piece made an instant hit both with the old and young patrons of the house. Since Thursday night an excellent production of Goethe's great drama, "Faust," has been running. Seldom have more praiseworthy performances of the play been given here. The dressing of the piece was all that could be desired. A number of beautiful stage pictures were shown. Especially was this true of the garden scene in act two, and the wild broken scene showing the revels of the demons. The costumes were appropriate and picturesque, and the electrical effects were most elaborate.

The Watson players enter right into the spirit of "Faust" and give a remarkably clever performance. To-night will be the last opportunity of seeing this production. There will be a packed house for the demand for seats for this last performance has been very heavy.

Starting with a special matinee on Monday, New Year's Day, the Watson company will appear in the great laughing success, "A Runaway Match." A more appropriate play to start off the new year could not have been selected. "A Runaway Match" is in three acts, and was written for laughing purposes only.

Albert Watson appears in a funny "rube-bit" piece. This is one of the best comedy roles Watson will appear in this season. He simply reveals in the part, and it is a scream from start to finish. There will also be a Wednesday matinee of "A Runaway Match." Starting Thursday night and running all the balance of the week, the stirring and sensational English melodrama, "British Born," will be the bill. "British Born" is entirely new here, and it is just as interesting as the title would lead one to believe.

COMMITTED SUICIDE
Former Saloonkeeper Ends His Life in Hotel at Portland.
Portland, Dec. 25.—The body of Kasper Van Dran, until recently a saloonkeeper in this city, was found in a room in a down-town hotel to-day. He had committed suicide by swallowing cyanide potassium. Van Dran left a note in which he blamed a former rival saloonkeeper, Joe Young, for his troubles.

An unusual story is attached to the two men, and the family involving the attempt of Young to kill Kasper Van Dran and the death, later, of Mrs. Van Dran from cyanide poisoning, administered by some persons unknown to the authorities. Last summer Van Dran was shot and seriously injured by Young for alleged interference in the domestic life of the Youngs. It was while Young was out of jail under bond for shooting Van Dran that Mrs. Van Dran was poisoned by drinking ginger ale which had been liberally treated with cyanide. Later Young was tried for shooting Van Dran, convicted and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

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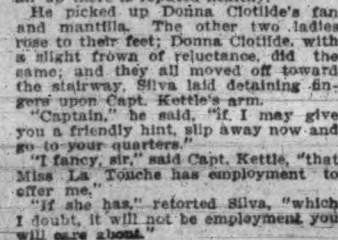
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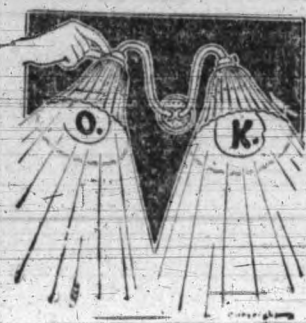
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The Epworth League of the Metropolitan Methodist church, not wishing to interfere with the receptions being held on New Year's day, will hold their reception on Tuesday, January 2nd, at the Sunday school, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. The Sunday school orchestra will be in attendance. Games will be provided and refreshments served. The league will be delighted to welcome all its friends and to wish them the season's greetings.

The Victoria Poultry and Pet Stock Association will meet Tuesday evening in the city hall at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is requested, as business of importance is to be dealt with. This will be the last meeting before the show, so all members must make a special effort to attend.

The city council met last evening as the streets, bridges and sewer committees. It was decided to go on with the grading of the extension of Birdseye Walk, that through the Cameron property being left to be arbitrated later. Considerable business was left over for the new council to deal with.

WRECK OF PASS OF MELFORT.

To the Editor:—I am very much pleased to see your well-timed article relative to the necessity of establishing a life-saving station on the West Coast. The wreck of the Clallum nearly two years ago aroused the sympathetic influences of the community to a sense of the life saving needs on our coast and steps were then taken with the result that the nucleus of an association was formed, but has so far met with great hesitations on the part of many gentlemen of business and position whom one would think should be first and foremost in such things. I am more than delighted this morning to read the account of a special meeting of the council of the board of trade, from which it appears that no less a blow than the wreck of a good ship and loss of all hands is required to awake this body to a sense of duty as citizens and human beings. The lines suggested are precisely those on which correspondence with the Dominion government has been going on for the last six or eight months past, particulars of which are in my hands. It is now hoped that with increased influences, if not co-operation, good may follow. I would like to suggest that a public meeting be held to discuss the subject.

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TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAMP.

Van A. Wilcox Will Finish Walk From the Atlantic to Pacific To-Day.

(Associated Press.)

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 30.—Van A. Wilcox arrived here yesterday on the home stretch of his tramp from the Atlantic to the Pacific, having walked just 165 days since leaving New York. He will finish his transcontinental walk at Santa Monica to-day. He has already walked 3,067 miles, or an average of more than 22 miles a day.

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